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JESTS,

Refined and Enlarged.

Being A

COLLECTION

Switty Jests,  
Of Merry Tales.  
Pleasant Joques.

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## To the R E A D E R.

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READER,

**I**T will be expected that I should say something in the behalf of this Abortive Brat, which hath lately crept out of that Chaos-like condition, wherein it hath (for sometime) lain huddled up amongst the rest of its Brothers and Sisters; and had not so soon appeared in this dress, but by the encouragement of many of its Oxonian Well-willers. Then for its original and growth, at present know, that some part of it was collected from those that have writ formerly of this Subject; but so as that (under correction be it spoken) most of them did deserve correction: For some were so concise, that without addition they signified little

## To the Reader.

to the purpose; others so impertinently large, that they as much needed Substraction. Another part ( and that the greatest ) was received from the lips of the most refin'd Wits in Oxford ( being the place of my Nativity ) which is reason enough for its Denomination. And for the rest, she bids me tell you, that they had a composition from him that she has long call'd her Guardian; who hopes of their acceptance: For they were only intended for private use, but by the earnest importunities of some Friends, are now made publick, and refined.

Then like it, or leave it, 'tis all one to me;  
I am *W.H.* and so still will be: ( *Pius*  
And if not lik'd, the saying of good Pope  
Shall now be mine, I am in *statu quo prius*.  
But if approv'd, then I shall not fail ye,  
To make a return with something else. *Vale.*

W. Hicks.

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O N T H O S E

# Most Excellent Jests,

Collected and Composed

By my Old Acquaintance and Fel-  
low-Oxonian,

Capt. *William Hicks.*

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*Two Swains near Oxford that came to  
London.*

I.

**I** Tell thee ~~Kit~~ where I have been,  
Where I the rarest Jests have zeen,  
O Jests without compare:  
Such Jests again cannot be shown,  
In *Oxford*, no, nor *Cambridge Town*,  
They be so very rare.

2.

I yesterday did go to buy  
A Book (thou know'it for thee and I)  
Of something that was pretty:  
And when *Poor Robin's* Jests I zaw,  
Methoughts th'were old, and lean and raw,  
Not like his Alm'nacks, witty.

3.  
I Then did ask for th' *Oxford-Jests*; (breast)  
Which *Kit* thou know'st came from th'  
Of our university.

The man to me did then confess,  
They were not yet come out o'th Press :  
Quoth I, The more's the pity.

4.  
At last he shew'd the very copy  
Of that i'th' press : I am a very Puppy  
*Kit*, if e'er the like was zeen...  
Before I half a score had read,  
With laughing (if it may be zed)  
I'd like to have broke my spleen.

5.  
I then did point to read 'em o're,  
Such Jests I never heard before ;  
'Fore *George* 'tis true our *Kit*.  
And e're that I had read 'em half,  
I found I was so great with laugh,  
I thought my zides would split.

6.  
Then hey for *Oxford* now I zay,  
Evaith I long to zee the day  
That they shall printed be :  
Then thee and I will each buy one,  
For our two Sweethearts, *Nell* and *Jone*,  
For mirth and melodei.

*T. Franklin. Oxon.*

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# TRACTATE

ENTITULED,

OXFORD-JESTS,

Collected, Corrected and Composed

By my Honour'd Friend

## CAPT. HICKS.

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I.

*S*ublimeſt diſcretions  
Have club'd for expreſſions,  
*Which are muſter'd up here by our Captain :*  
Some ſtaler, ſome milder,  
Some tamer, ſome wilder,  
*And all in clean linen are wrapi-in.*

Oxford.

Oxford University  
 Approves her self witty,  
 In Fests of more Jovial concerning;  
 And Jocoſe-apprehenſions  
 Prefer their Inventions  
 Before all the reſt of her Learning.

Here is choice, here is ſtore,  
 Five hundred or more,  
 The cream and the crown of all Feſting:  
 All brave ſouls be Gueſts  
 At this Banquet of Feſts.  
 Lucullus had never ſuch feaſting.

Such Wit here's expreſt;  
 In every choice Feſt,  
 They'll make Melancholicus frolick;  
 And all thoſe to forget,  
 To groan and to fret.  
 That are troubled with Stone and the Chollick.

5.

Will Summers and Scoggin,  
With Archee be jogging,  
Your quirks and your quibles are folly:  
No such rare Antidotes,  
Ev'r took flight from your throats,  
Gainst the poyson of black Melancholly.

6.

One reading a score,  
Did with laughter give o're,  
Or his broad-sides had else split in sunder:  
At the next Ord'nary he,  
With repeating of three,  
Made the wits at the board to knock under.

7.

These will shorten the Journeys  
Of Clerks and Attorneys,  
With Wits most refin'd Recreations:  
and when they are far  
Remote from the Bar,  
Will cheer up their hearts in Vacations.

Now

8.

Now all you brave Blades,  
Leave your shops and your Trades,  
Your lying and solemn protesting;  
And if ever you'll thrive,  
Cease to drink, swear, and strive,  
And study the Science of Festing.

9.

To gratifie Festers,  
Sink Angels to Testers:  
But here without fear of expences,  
You may pick, you may chuse,  
You may take or refuse,  
As suits with your Moods and your Tenses.

10.

At home and abroad,  
On our walks, or the road,  
These Cordials will prove efficacious:  
Search the Books of all ages,  
And ransack their Pages,  
You shall find nothing half so solutions.

E. Edwards. Lond.



# OXFORD-JESTS *Refined and Inlarged.*

1.

**T**WO Upstarts that were made Commissioners in the Rumps time, to examine Malignant Ministers; And one being brought before them who was a very black man, and had black-hair, and was something slovenly in his apparell: says one of them, What are you a Tinker? Yes, says he; and hearing you had a brazen face, am come to mend it. Then says the other (that was a Carpenters son) How dare you answer men in authority so? Good Lord says he, *one cannot speak a word, but you are a top oth' house presently.*

2.

A Gentleman taking in a very foul Tobacco-Pipe said, He thought his Pipe was in

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mourn-

mourning : Then says another, *Though it will not mourn in Sackcloth, yet it may in ashes by and by.*

3.

A pretty Maid having her Valentine pinn'd on her sleeve, a Gentleman said, Sweetheart, is your Wastecoat to be let? Yes, says she, 'tis to be let alone. Well, says he, *I am content to let your wastecoat alone, but not your Petticoat, if you please.*

4.

A great Lord having a crooked-back'd Lady, was shewing a Gentleman the stately Hall which he had lately built; and ask'd him, whether it were not very high? Yes, says he, *but as high as 'tis, your Lady cannot stand upright in it.*

5.

An Alehouse standing close to the Church, as the Vicar was preaching, he heard some Fellows quaffing in Ale there : Upon which says he, *Sirs, 'tis no reason that these Fellows should partake of our Prayers, and we not taste of their Ale; and so went out of the Church and all the people after him.*

6.

A young man having married an old woman, when they were abed together, he told her he had let something to day where-  
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in he should be a great loser ; with that she let a lusty fart ; O now, says he, *I must confess you have made me a great favour ; therefore, old Wives should let, seeing they do it so well.*

7.

A Merchant ask'd a Sailer, Why he would marry, seeing long absence would make his Wife Cornute him ? O, says he, Sir, *that's done while you do but walk to the Exchange.*

8.

A Country fellow meeting a Physician in the street, he desired him *not to be angry with him because he was not sick yet.*

9.

One being burnt by a whore, came to ask a Benevolence ; and gave a good reason for it, saying, *He had lost all he had by fire.*

10.

A cowardly Souldier a little before a fight, bid'em have a good stomack, for that night they should sup in Heaven ; but when the fight began, he ran away : Then they told him of the supper ; O, says he, *I forgot t'was Friday-night, for then I always fast.*

11.

One told a little man, that he was a Pigmy, a pitiful little fellow : Truly, says he, *I confess I am but little, for I had but one Father, it may be you had more.*

12.

A scoffing Lady told a simple Gentleman, that his wit was pretty : Why so ? (says he : ) *Because* , says she , *all that is little is pretty.*

13.

X In a Plague-time, one night , a Constable heard a woman beating of her Husband : he presently put a Red Cross on the door , saying , *There could not be a greater plague than that.*

14.

A simple Country Minister coming up to London in a Plague-time, seeing *Lord have mercy on us* written on many doors, said, Now God be thanked for this reformation in London, for I heard 'twas a wicked place : I would, said he, *it were so upon every door in the Town.*

15.

An Usurer used to have many dishes to his Table, but never eat of above two, carrying the rest away. His man once brought two together , and left one upon the bench in the Hall and forgot it. Sirrah, says he, where's the other dish ? Truly , Sir , says he, *it has come so often to the Table , I thought it had known its way hither without my assistance.*

16.  
A Gallant taking Tobacco, an Apprentice  
said it stunk: At which he swore he would  
kill him. Sirrah, says he, What are you? Why  
Sir, I am an Apprentice, and I'll fight with  
you, where you dare. O, I cry you mercy, *are  
you an Apprentice? I scorn to fight with any but  
Gentlemen.*

17.  
The Italian Proverb is, Three Women  
make a Market with their chatting: Zounds  
says a Fellow, *if my Wife had been there, it had  
been a Fair.*

18.  
One ask'd what such a one was: He told  
him a Proctor of the Court, and he doth some  
business of my Wives. Come, says he, he doth  
no business of thy *Wives*, but *does thy business  
on thy wife.*

19.  
Several Gentlemen were at dinner toge-  
ther, and one of them was a Parson: among  
the dishes, one was a Pig, but 'twas very lean:  
Then they concluded it was only fit for the  
Parson, *being a spiritual Pig, for it had no flesh  
on't.*

20.  
The Franciscan-Fryers are to carry no mo-  
ney about them, and a Dominican desired

the Franciscan to carry him over the Water on his back ; and being on his back in the water, he ask'd him whether he had any money about him : Yes, says the other : But our Order allows us to carry no money about us : and so let him down in the water.

One sent six cold Partridges to his Friend, but by the way the Servant eat one ; and finding by the letter Six were sent, said, I thank your Master for the Five Partridges which he hath sent me ; but for the Sixth thank him your self.

22.

An Earl ask'd a man, what they said of him at Court ; he said, Neither good nor bad : with that he beat him wel-favouredly, and then gave him Twenty pound : Now, says he, you may report both good and bad of me.

23.

A Minion of the French Kings had Cuckolded many great Lords ; he ask'd his Ghostly Father, if he might not swear he was no Adulterer ; Yes, says he, for Perjury is no worse sin than Adultery.

24.

One was married in the night, and was ask'd why he did so, O Pox, says he, we needed

needed no light; for *my sweet wife was light enough.*

25.

A Welchman and an Englishman contended about their Feasts: Puh, says the Welchman, we have Twenty Cooks and more at our Feasts, for *every man toasts his own Cheese.*

26.

An Old man wooing a young Wench, drew his Spectacles out of his pocket, to write down how rich he was; but she swore she'd have none that *wore their eyes in their pockets.*

27.

One wept that his Wife was dead: Says another, *I would I had thy dead Wife for my living one.*

28.

Nells Husband complained, that his wife brought him nothing: You lye like a Rogue, says she; *for I bring you Boys without your help.*

29.

Says one, why is thy beard so brown, and thy head so white? 'cause, says he, *my head is twenty years older than my beard,*

30.

One robbing in one Shire, was taken in another, and the Justice sent him back to the Shire where he robb'd: Says he, What

Law is this? for if one be taken abed with his neighbours Wife, must he be sent thither again the next night?

31.

A Countrey man lopping a tree, fell down and broke his neck; his man ran home, and told his Dame, how he advised him to stand fast, and how dangerously he stood, and that he fell down with the Axe in his hand, and 'twas Gods great mercy that he did not cut himself with the Axe as he fell.

32.

A Gentleman ask'd a Shepherd, whether that River was to be passed over or not; Yes says he; but going to try flounc'd over head and ears. Why thou Rogue, says he, did not you tell me it might be past over? Truly, Sir, says he, I thought so; for my Geese go over and back again every day.

33.

One lent his Neighbour his Ass for two days, but he kept him a week; and going to ask for him he told him he was not at home; and as he spoke, the Ass bray'd in the stable; at which he was angry: Neighbour, says he, will you beleive your Ass before me.

34.

A Countrey man told his Wife, 'twas her fault that his Daughter play'd the Whore, for

for she should have lock'd her up: Lock me no Locks, says he, *the Devil take that key that cann't undo that lock.*

35.

One broke a Jest upon a Gentleman: and after dinner he told him he could not break a Jest, *but he could break his pate, and did so.*

36.

Two being condemned to dye, were only at last condemned to the Gallies: Humph, says the hangman, *pray rid me of my Office, seeing you bar me of my right.*

37.

A man brought home a Sheeps head with the horns on: says his Wife, And why Husband the horns on? Is there not one in the house already of that sort? *but like to like; I see your humour is to have something like your self.*

38.

Another bought a pair of horns, and brought them home, His Wife ask'd him, what that meant: He said, to hang his hat on: Good Lord, says she, *cann't you keep your hat on your own head.*

39.

A Child was to be Christned, and the man said to his Wife, Who dost thou think shall

be Godfather to our Childe? I know not, says she: Why *Tho. Simons*: *O the Father!* will he be here? says she.

40.

A man said to his Wife, who dost thou think is a Cuckold? I can't tell, says she: why *John* such a one: O fie, says she, how strangely you talk? *you are such another man.*

41.

A Fellow was telling a Trooper, that a Bull-hide well tan'd, would be fitter for service than any Buff: which his honest Wife hearing, said, *Then Husband your Skin tann'd would make excellent Buff.*

42.

The Judge willing to save a man that stole a Watch, it was valued but at Twelvepence; but he that lost it said, the fashion of it cost him five pound. O, says the Judge, *we must not hang a man for fashion sake.*

43.

A Herald coming into a Gentlemans house, where was a coat of Arms which the Gentleman could not answer, took a Candle and set it on fire. The Gentlemans<sup>n</sup> Servant coming in, ask'd him the reason: He said he did onely *blazon* his Masters Coat.

44.

An ignorant Phyfician told a Parfon, that his cure maintained only himfelf; But mine, fays he, *Maintains all the Sextons in Town.*

45.

One brag'd his bed was fo big, that Two Hundred Conftables lay in it at one time; that is, Two Conftables of Hundreds.

46.

A Gentlemans Cloak hung in the water: One faid, Sir, your Cloak burns: I fays he, *therefore I put it in the water.*

47.

One bid the Cobler put nails into his Shooes, and they fhould laft the longer: No, fays he, if you will have your Shooes to laft your life long, *never put your nails into them.*

48.

One told another with a Red-face, that his face was difpark'd 'caufe there was no pale: Though their's no pale, fays he, yet *there's good ftore of Red-dear; viz. Dear red.*

49.

A Goldfmith and another confpired to ftall a Silver-bowl; and that it might not be known, 'twas gilded: and though the other ftoll it, yet *the guilt of the fact lay on the Goldfmith.*

50. One

50.

One saying he had been upon *Tenariff*, the highest Hill in the World, was ask'd, Why he stay'd not there, for *he'd never come so near Heaven again.*

51.

One hearing the Story of *S. George* that kill'd the Dragon, said, sure 'twas a lye: Nay, some believe there was never a *S. George* nor a Dragon; *pray God there be a Maid then,* says a simple Fellow.

52.

A Fellow wooing a Wench, she sate so long between his legs, that he fell fast asleep: She rose up and put the Churn between his legs: He waking, hugg'd it and said, *Well, and how d'ye now?* thinking the Wench was there.

53.

One sent his Man for a Lawyers advice without a Fee; but he slighted him: His Master went and gave him his Fee; Onow, says the Lawyer, I understand you. Then he chid his man for not telling the matter right: O Sir, says he, *I had not my Instructions in my pocket.*

54.

A Fool got a Bow and Arrow, and went through the Town, and swore he'd kill all the Cuckolds; Says a woman to her Husband,

band, D'ye hear what the Fool says? pray get out oth' way: Why Wife, says he am I a Cuckold? I but Husband I am afraid lest the Arrow should glance.

55.

A Western Lady was very Hospitable to many Gentlemen, and it happened a Knight came thither; and being a great Housewife, early in the Morning she call'd to her maids, and ask'd whether the Pigs were served; which the Knight hearing, said before the Gentlewoman at dinner, Madam are the Pigs served? Sir, says she, *I know not whether you have had your breakefast yet or no.*

56.

A Lady desired a blunt Fellow to uncase the Rabbits: He not understanding, took out the Kidneys, and sent them to her, saying, that *though he could not uncase them, yet he had unbutton'd them.*

57.

A Townsman told a Schollar, that he could tell what was Latin for all the parts of the Body: Why what's for the head? Why *Aries*: At which they laught: Then he swore, *if it were not Aries 'twas Taurus.*

58.

A Schollar ask'd a Townsmans Wife for her Husband, thinking he had been sell in  
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the fire, and burnt his head, for *he smelt such a smell of hairs.*

59.

One when the Hangman came to put the halter about his neck, desired him not to bring the rope too near his throat; for I am, says he, so ticklish about that place, that I shall hurt my self so with unreasonable laughter, that *it will go near to throttle me.*

60.

Another was told by the Priest, being to be Executed, that though his dinner was sharp and harsh, yet he should find a joyful supper in Heaven: Ah, says he, 'twill do me no good, for *I never eat any suppers.*

61.

One hir'd a Waterman to land him at Temple-stares, the Waterman landed him in the mud, for which the Gentleman would not pay him, saying, You should have landed me at Temple-stairs, but *this is Puddle Wharf.*

62.

A Fellow stood stairing on a Gentlewoman in a Balcony, at which she retired: Says he, what does the Sun offend you, Lady? Yes, says she, *The Son of thy mother.*

63.

One ask'd another how his nose was: He answered,

answered, 'twas bad, but now 'twas currant: I think so too, says he, *for 'tis always running.*

64.

One that had fore eyes, was jeer'd by another that was clear ey'd; who told him, they were not so fore, but he could see a knave: It may be so, says he, *but you must look in a Glas then.*

65.

One said Bridewel was for Whores, Bedlam for Madmen, but no place for Fools: Sir, says another, you are not for the common good, *you always speak for your self.*

66.

A Gentleman said he had travell'd far: a Lady told him she had been farther: Why Madam, says he, if it be so, you and I may *lie together by Authority.*

67.

One losing one of his arms in the Wars, was begging: No, says one, I'll give you nothing, you are no Gentleman, *you cannot shew your arms.*

68.

One under the Popes-head Tavern Door, was railing at the Pope: Says the Drawer to him, Take heed how you rail against the

Pope.

Pope, for ~~now~~ his head is full of Wine.

69.

Some Gentlemen being a drinking, a Wench came up to tend them; she being not enough, in anger they knockt for more: The Master coming up, ask'd what they call'd for: said they, Must we be thus attended? have you no more whores in the house but this? Yes Sir, pray be patient, *I'll send up my own Wife presently.*

70.

A Lord in this kingdome, a great lover of rich *Venice* Glasses, having two presented to him worth Fifty pound: By accident his Butler broke one of them; and he was so furious for it, that he called him Rogue and Rascal, and ask'd him how he did it; and repeated that so often, that the Fellow told him, My Lord, I'll shew you how I did it, if you will have a little patience: So he took the other Glas in his hands, and said, Thus and thus I broke the other; and so let the second Glas fall, and broke that: the conceit of which made the Lord pardon him.

71.

An English man and a Frenchman being at dinner together, but understood not one another, the Frenchman said, *Mange-prosaice Monsieur*; the other mistaking him swore it

was

was not in his face, but in his wrists and hams meaning the Itch.

72.

A Woman told her Husband he was a Witch: But he went to a cunning man to know the truth; who told him he was no Witch; but he was a Cuckold: so he comes home rejoycing to his Wife, and told her that he said he was not a Witch, but a Cuckold; Says she, *I am sure if thou art not a Witch he is one.*

73.

One having a very great Nose and thin beard, was told the shadow of his Nose did hinder his Beards growth.

74.

A Jealous man pictur'd a Lamb on his Wives belly, for he was going to Sea; and staying out a long time, she began to have an itching desire; and her Friend coming to her, spied the Lamb pictur'd: then he pictur'd a pair of horns on the head on't: And when her Husband came home he wondred at the horns. Why what is it Husband? says she: Why horns, says he; O lack, Husband, says she, it is two years since you went, and *by that time all Lambs have horns.*

75.

One *Hg* was to be tryed before Judge  
Bacon,

Bacon, and he told him he was his kinsman: Says he, no Hog can be Bacon till 'tis hang'd, and then I'll allow you to be my kinsman.

76.

One going to hanging, heard a woman say, she had beg'd him, so he would marry her: He seeing her long nose and shrill tongue, said, Car-man drive on, I'll first be bang'd before I'll marry her: and was so.

77.

A Knight when a Gentleman came to visit him, and they both being to go abroad together, the Coach-horses staid something long: come Sir, says he, let you and I go away in the Coach before, and let the horses come after.

78.

The same Knight having been a hunting, and being very hungry, came to a Gentlemans house, where he found ready a Chine of Beef, which he liked so well, that he commanded his servants to cut all his Beef out into Chines.

79.

A Serjeant coming to arrest a Fellow, says to him, Sir, the King greets you well: Does the King know me, says he; pray how does he do.

80. One

80. One stealing a cup out of a Tavern, was  
 said hold on; a Gentleman sent his man to  
 know what the matter was: He came and  
 told him, only a Fellow had got a Cup too much.  
 With, says he, *that's my fault and many an honest  
 mans also.*

81. Two Widdows sitting by the fire, were  
 chatting together of their dead Husbands;  
 and one said come let us have another candle  
 for my poor Husband lov'd light, God sent  
 him Light everlasting; and says the other,  
 My poor Husband lov'd a good fire, I wish  
 him Fire everlasting.

82.

Two riding down a great hill together,  
 one said; it was dangerous riding down: No,  
 says t'other, I will not light, for I have but  
 one pair of shooes, and I shall spoil 'em:  
 says the other, and I have but one neck, and  
 I fear I shall spoil that, and therefore I'll  
 light.

83.

One swore he saw a Viol or Gambo as  
 big as a Church: was askt, How it could be  
 plaid on: he answered, his Wife and he  
 drew a two-handed Bow of a furlong in  
 length over the strings, whilst Twelve of his  
 Children

Children run up the frets, and stopt in du-  
tune as they played.

84.

A Baker having stolen a Goose, one cryed  
after him, Baker, Baker: I will, I will, says  
he. Being served with a Warrant, he said  
he bid him bake her, as he did; but he  
not coming to eat her, I eat her. my  
self.

85.

A man finding his wife always idle, beat  
her soundly: says she, Husband, why do  
you beat me? *you see I do nothing*: that is  
the reason, you lazy Whore, that I do beat  
you.

86.

Two Doctors walking, a Maid emptied  
a Pispot by chance on their heads: one of  
them was angry; says t'other, We are Phy-  
sicians, but let us be Patients; and calling  
to her, said, Are you not ashamed, being  
none of your calling, to cast water before  
Doctors.

87.

One parting a Fray, was cut into the  
scull: Says the Surgeon, Sir, one may see your  
brains: Nay then I'll be hang'd, says he, for  
*If I had had any brains, I had never come  
there.*

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A Welshman and his Master being at a play, A Rogue cut his Masters purse; then he cut off the Rogues ear: He ask'd why he did so: He said, *Give bur master bur purse, and bur hall have bur ear again.*

89.

Another was stopt, and they ask'd him what was his name; and he said, *Adultery*: then Sir, I'll commit you: Sir, says he, if you do, your Wife will be angry with you, to commit *Adultery in your Watch.*

90.

A Miller had wooed abundance of Girles, and did lie with them; upon which he refused to marry them: But one Girl he did sollicite her much, but all would not do; then he married her, and told her on the Marriage-night, if she would have let him done as the rest did, he would never have had her: by my troth *I thought so*, says she, for *I was served so by half a dozen before.*

91.

A Young Fellow wisht himself the richest Cuckold in *England*: Says his Mother, You are a Covetous Boy, *has not your Father enough in store for you.*

92. A

92.

A Gentleman dying much in debt, once said, he had carried Five hundred pound of his to another World, and another, Three hundred: Well, says another, I see though a man cannot carry away any thing of his own into another World, yet *he may of another mans.*

93.

O Chamberlain, says a Gentleman, thou hast laid both the sheets above the bed (he being very drunk went in under both :) No Sir, says he, we don't use to lay one above the bed, and t'other underneath.

94.

Says a Lord, my Friend, I should know thee: Yes, says he, I am one of your Lordships Tenants, my name is J. G. O says he, I remember there were two Brothers of you and one is dead, which is that that is alive? *It is I my Lord,* says he.

95.

A Grafter sent his Son to Oxford, and he followed Poetry: His Father checkt him for it: Well, since you are a Poet tell me why so handsome a woman as *Venus* married such an ugly Fellow as *Vulcan*? I wonder at it too Father; and yet *I wonder as much, why my Mother married you.*

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96.

A Captain passing by where a woman was washing a buck, and thought she had been brewing, took some of the Lye and drank it: then he began to spit and spaul: She ask'd him what he ail'd: Calling her Whore, he told her he had swallowed the Lye; Nay then, says she, *I cannot blame a Captain to be angry.*

97.

One ask'd how many Fellows there were of such a Colledge, was answered, *There's more Good-Fellows, than Good Schollars.*

98.

Sirrah, says the Justice, thou art a Rogue; if thou art not hang'd, I'll be hang'd for thee. I thank you Sir, says he, *I pray be not out of the way when that time comes.*

99.

Says another Justice, Sirrah you are a Rogue; *Not so very a Rogue as your Worship* (and then he spit) takes me to be.

100.

Sirrah, says another Justice, you are an arrant Knave: Says he, Just as your worship spoke, the clock struck *two.*

101.

A man in the West named *Spilman*, was to be tried for his life, and the Recorder of the

the Town ask'd him his name ; he said, *Spilman* : Says he, Take *Sp* away, then it is *Ilman* put *K* to it, then it is *Kilman*: Take him away says the Recorder, his name has hang'd him already. The next Sessions the Recorder being not there, the wise Mayor undertook another that was to be tryed for his life, named *Walson*, saying, Take *Sp* away, then it is *Ilman*, and put *K* to it then it is *Kilman*, take away the Rogue, says he, his name has hang'd him.

## 102.

A Player was riding up *Fleetstreet* a great pace ; one ask'd him what Play was plaid to day : says he, You may see that upon every post : why, says he, I took you for a post, you rid so fast.

## 103.

One being very Jealous, came suddenly home, and found one busy with his Wife : says he, Friend I thank thee, I have fear'd this a long time, but now I find it true ; it hath eased me of a great deal of trouble : *I'll be jealous no more.*

## 104.

A Gentleman losing his way, galloping furiously over the Plow'd-Lands towards *Tame* ; and meeting one, said, Friend, is this the way to *Tame* ? Yes Sir, says he, your Horse,

Horse, if he be as wild as the Devil.

105.

In *Wiltshire*, in *Queen Elizabeths* days, the Shire was training, and a Countreyman coming to see his Son, Wife, says he, it does me good to see how trim a Vellow my Zon is in his Harnes: The young man, hearing it, began to shake his Pike very furiously, saying, O Vather chad rather then a Groat, that ich had *but one Spaniard* here.

106.

A Decay'd Gentleman in a thread-bare Cloak, one told him his Cloak was very watchful, for it had not a good nap this seven years: Truly, says he, you want a nap as well as my Cloak; for *you talk idly for want of sleep.*

107.

The Dean sent to a Schollar in the Chapel, to bid him sing as the rest did: Pray remember me to Mr. Dean, says he, and tell him, *I am as merry as those that do sing.*

108.

A good Preacher, when most of his Auditory was asleep, heard a child cry: Good

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Nurse, says he, still the child, or else it will wake some of the best in the Parish.

109.

A Miser having a sheep stolen from him by a poor man, would needs send him to Prison, saying there was not so damn'd a Rogue in the World: pray Sir, said he, *remember yourself, and be good to me.*

110.

A Maid came to her Mistris, an ancient woman, and told her there would be a Sermon in the afternoon: Now Gods blessing on thy heart, says she, for I could not sleep the last night; *I'll see if I can take a nap there.*

111.

A Maid seeing her Master make clean his Wives shooes, said, pray now your hand is in make clean mine too, which he did: In a short time after he cudgel'd his Wife for some fault; and his Maid being by, he told her, Now his hand was in, she should have some too; and so bang'd her also.

112.

One seeing a man play on a Sackbut, thought that which was covered with the upper part, was thrust so far into the players throat still, and call'd it a strange Trumpet, and thought it went down into his belly to fetch

fetch up wind still ; as a pump doth water.

113.

One told his Master he still gap'd in his sleep : He would not believe it, but said, he would buy a Looking-glass to hang at his bedside for a tryal.

114.

One following a young Maid, he liked her very well behind ; but looking in her face, found she had a very larg nose : Well, says he, if I had liked you before, as well as I did behind, I would have kiss'd you. Pray Sir, says she, kiss where you like. But it is your nose that I dislike : *why in that place that I appointed you to kiss, I have never a nose ; kiss there.*

115.

A Shepherd on *Salisbury* Plain, seeing a Coach gallop along, ask'd the man that gallopt after, what whirling house that was : He said a Coach : And I pray what Lady is that which sits in it ? It is the Queen of hearts : I thought so, says he, *because I saw the knave of Clubs come galloping so fast after.*

116.

*Simpleton* bid his man burn some sweet thing in his Chamber ; so he bought some

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Frankincense : which his Master tasted , and found bitter, charged him to buy two pound of the best Sugar to burn in his Chamber.

117.

One told his Son that he was a naughty Boy ; and that at One and thirty he lost his sheep ; and driving his sheep over the bridge he drowned them. Truly Father, says he, when I am One and thirty I never lose; and when I drive my sheep over the bridge, I never drown them.

118.

Another Foolish Fellow, when he was abroad would pawn his Cloak; which his Mother to prevent, caused all the backs of his doublets to be made of Canvas, with two painted fools thereon ; which caused him after that to keep his Cloak on, lest they discovered the third fool.

119.

The Watch passing by, one threw a Pisspot out at a window , which lighted on their heads : They being very angry, he askt them who they were ? they said the Watch ; Why then, *Harm watch, harm catch.*

120.

A Gentlewoman came to a rich Usurer, and at her going away , he offered her a cup of old Canary , in a glass a little bigger than

a thimble ; who to save charges , only kist it to her, and said, it was Canary of six years old : *I wonder*, says she, *it should be so old, being so very little.*

121.

A Schollar and a Courtier meeting together , the Schollar being next the wall, the Courtier jostled him : What is the matter ? said he : I do not use to give every fool the wall : *But I do*, says the Scollar, and so let him him have it.

122.

Some met together , One said now Mr. *Sampson* is come , we fear no Bailiff nor Serjeant ; nay , if a thousand Philistines were here , he is able to brain them all : Yes, says he , *so you will lend me one of your Jaw-bones.*

123.

A Knight came to the Tower-gate, just as it was shut, and the Warders going in with the keys : Ho fellow, says he , prethee open the gate : None of your Fellow , but a poor knave : Why then poor knave : Nay, no knave neither Sir : why then, says the Knight, *he was a Knave that told me so.*

124.

A Landlord inviting his tenants to dinner , bid them fall on; for there was Beef

of Twenty pound an ox: A poor man hearing that, fell to a Capon before him, for which he was reprov'd: Why, says he, I am but a poor man, I dare not venture on Beef of twenty pound an Ox, but on a Capon of half a Crown price: yet he was bid eat beef; he said no, he would praise God in Capon if his Worship pleased.

125.

One said he heard that a man was changed into an Ass, but by eating of Roses recovered his manly shape: Truly Uncle, says one, if I might advise you, *You should have a sallet of Roses every morning.*

126.

A wise Mayor in the West with his discreet Wife, went to see the Queens Ape: as she came in, the Ape catcht at his Wife, and made mouths at her: But the Mayor told the Ape, he was an unmannerly Gentleman, to mock an ancient woman as his Wife was, and a Midwife too, and one that might be his Mother for age.

127.

One having a scolding Wife, swore he would drown himself: She followed him, desiring him to forbear, or at least to let her speak with him: speak quickly then, says he: Pray Husband, if you will needs drown  
your

your self, take my counsel to go into a deep place; for *it would grieve my heart to see you long a dying.* With that the Fellow came back again, and went to the *Indies.*

128.

A woman being on her death-bed, her Husband ask'd her, who he should marry: Are you in hast to marry? says she; why then marry the Devils Dam: No, says he, I should commit Incest then, for *I have matcht with his Daughter already.*

129.

Another, her husband being to be hang'd, went to him, and the night before he was to dye, she goes to the Sheriff, desiring him to be her friend: Good woman, says he, your Husband must dye: Says she, I do not desire his life, but desire he may be the first hang'd in the morning, because I have a great way to go, and my Mare is old and lame.

130.

A Gentlewoman lov'd a Doctor of Physick, and to enjoy him, feign'd her self sick: Her Husband desired him to give her some comfort: He went up, and staid an hour with her, and came down again: Her Husband askt him how she did: O says he, she has had two such extream fits, that *if you*

*had seen but one of them it would have made your heart ake.*

131.

One Mr. Little, Mayor of *Abington*, bearing spight to one, sent him to Prison: But being to go out of his place at *Michaelmas*, the Fellow went merrily singing, [*When Michaelmas is come, and I shall be set free, I'll care as little for Little, as Little does care for me.*]

132.

One Mr. *Man*, Master of a ship call'd the *Moon*, used to lye with a Gentlewoman; and her Husband tax'd her with another Gentleman: she swore, *She knew him no more than she did the man in the Moon.*

133.

A Lady was bragging, that she had overthrown her Enemy in Law: One of her servants standing by said, *He took a wrong Sow by the ear when he medled with your Ladyship.*

134.

A Welchman coming to his Inn, saw a fat Goose at the fire, and desired to have it to dinner, but it stunk sufficiently: Then he sent for the host and told him of it; he swore bitterly, it was kill'd that Morning.

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Says the Welchman, then I am sure, *but we*  
*kill her shitting.*

135.

Another coming out of *Wales*, begg'd by  
the way, and one night fill'd his guts so full of  
Whey that his belly ak'd. He prays to S. Davy  
for comfort : an Owl being at roost in the  
Barn, as he held up his head praying, shit just  
into his mouth : I thank you, good S. Davy, for  
*I desired but one drop, but you have given me more*  
*than a spoonful.*

136.

A young man married a woman being pee-  
vish, was not content with her Husbands kind  
usage, but complained to her Father still,  
which tired him out. A little after, her Hus-  
band, to break her humour, struck her, and she  
ran to her Father: He willing to reform her  
too, lac'd her sides well with a Holly-crap,  
saying, Commend me to thy Husband, and  
tell him, I am now even with him; for *I have*  
*cudgel'd his Wife, as well as he hath beat my*  
*Daughter.*

137.

A Gentlewoman of mean fortune, mar-  
ries a handsome Knight of a good Estate,  
yet she must have a Sweet-heart; and be-  
ing in private with him, told him how

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greatly she lov'd him . But her Husband overhearing her , said, Sir, *believe her not, for she hath told me so this seven years* , which made him run faster down than he came up.

138.

A great Thief, long using a great City, fee'd a Porter to let him in at night still : at last he was to be hanged ; and being on the ladder , and seeing the Porter there , said to him, Honest Porter, *If I come not in to night by Twelve a Clock, do not tarry up for me* ; and so flung himself off the ladder.

139.

In a great Corporation in *England* , the Serjeants desired the Mayor they might have Gowns as formerly, for which they had a president : Gowns, says the Mayor, and why not Coats? So calling for a pair of Cards, said, he could cut off that Custom by a president also : he shewed them the four Kings and four Queens in Gowns, but the four Knaves all in short Coats.

140.

A Welchman in heat of blood, challenged an English man at Sword and Buckler ; but the Englishman giving him a lusty blow on the leg which vext him, he threw down his Weapons, swearing, *Splut, was not her Bukler broad*.

*broad enough, but her must hit her on the leg.*

141.

Two Captains falling out, nothing would reconcile them, with much ado they were perswaded by a grave Gentleman to refer it to him, which they consented to; and so bringing them into a private room, made them swear devoutly to stand to his award: Then, says he, I charge ye stirr not from hence till ye are reconciled; they finding themselves bound by Oath were reconciled.

14.

Two Captains, one Valiant, the other a Coward, and of contrary sides, came to a view in a Truce: The Coward coming to salute the other, said, Sir, do you not know me? Sir, says he, *I should have known you better, if you had shewn me your back; for that I have seen often, but never your face till now.*

143.

In a Storm at Sea, a Fellow wisht for two Stars, viz. That in *Cheapside*, and that in *Coleman-street*.

144.

*Archee* the Jester had mumpt many, but now was mumpt himself; for on *New years Day* a Lord gave him Twenty pieces, but he

he shaking them in his fist, said they were too light: Says the Lord, give me them again, I have other Gold in my pocket: which *Archee* did: Well, says the Lord, *I put money once into a fools hand, but he had not the wit to keep it.*

145.

One being drunk laid a wager, that he would drink up the Sea: on the morrow finding he could not perform it, was very penfive: says his Friend, Be merry Boy, and tell him, that you will make your bargain good, if he will stop all the Rivers that run into the Sea: So it was drawn.

146.

A Countrey Fellow coming to London, and looking upon a sign, where he read, *Here are horses to be let (1663.) Good Lord (says he) how do they do for stable-room for so many horses.*

147.

A Taylor sent his bill to a Lawyer for money: The Lawyer bid the Boy tell his Master, that he was not running away (being very busie at that time.) The Boy comes again, and tells him he must needs have his money. Didst tell him, I was not running away? Yes Sir; but he bid me tell you, that *though you were not running away, yet he was.*

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148.

A Tavern-reckoning being delivered to the Lord Keeper, instead of a Petition; he perceiving the mistake, said, *The reckoning being discharg'd, I see no reason of Complaint.*

149.

Dr. *Hayward* put forth a book which vexed Queen *Elizabeth*. She ask'd *Bacon* whether there was no Treason in it: No, Madam, says he, but there's much Felony; for he hath stol'n many of his Sentences and Conceits out of *Cornelius Tacitus*.

150.

A little before Sir *Tho. Moor* was to dye, a Barber was sent to him: Faith, says he, the King and I have a suit for my head, and till that be cleared i'll spend no cost upon it.

151.

Sir *Tho. Moor* had many Daughters, but no Son; so that his wife did often wish for a Boy, which at last she had, which was very simple: Ah Wife, says he, thou hast often wisht for a Boy, and now thou hast one, and he will never be other then a Boy.

152.

A Gentlewoman that used to plaister her face to repair Nature, was invited abroad: But one advised her not to go, for we shall

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be very merry, and you *cannot laugh for fear of shewing two faces.*

153.

A Countrey-man hearing the Emperor lov'd roots presented him with a Rape-root, for which the Emperor gave him a thousand Marks: A Courtier seeing this, presented him with a Gallant Horse: The Emperor smell'd out his plot, and gave him the Rape-root; for, says he, it cost me a thousand Marks.

154.

A Schollar was lock'd out of *Wadham* Colledge, and about ten a clock he came and knockt; the Porter came to the gate, and told him the Warden had took up the keys with him: Pray, says he to the Porter, go to the Warden, and tell him I am here: Truly Sir, says he, the Warden is angry with me already, I dare not do it; *but if you'll go your self, it may be he'll give you the keys.*

155.

An active Gentleman jumpt before king *James*: Pish, says the King, I would have jumpt further than that my self. Yes, says a Court-Ear-wig, I have seen your Majesty jump much further when you were young: You lye, says he, *I would indeed have jumpp*

*jump't much further, but I never could by three feet.*

156.

Says a Lady to her Maid, What! you are with child? Yes, a little, forsooth: And who got it? My Master, forsooth. Where? In the Truckle-bed, forsooth: Where was I then? Asleep in the High-bed, forsooth: Why did you not call out then, you Whore? Why, says she, would you have done so?

157.

A Gentleman had oft sollicit'd his Wives Maid for a little of that which *Harry* gave *Doll*: But she denied still, saying, he'd hurt her: He told her, No: She said, if he did, she'd cry out. After all was done; Lo you there, says he, did I hurt you? Well, or did I cry out? says she.

158.

Another came to a Lady to be hired; and she told her she was no Maid: Yes, says she, but I am: How can that be, when to my knowledge you had a child? Well, says she, it was but a very little one though: And do you make such a matter of that?

159.

A Gentleman would often be drunk, and then he would kick his man extreamly; he also took much Tobacco, and great store of  
Coltsfoot

Coltsfoot in it; and when he was sober, his man told him, that he thought *the cause of his much kicking, was by taking so much Coltsfoot among his Tobacco.*

160.

An old man being drunk, his Son came to fetch him home. Sirrah, says he, have a care of me, for my head is very light: O Father, says he, *that is long of your eyes, for if they were out, your head would be in the dark.*

161.

A Young Maid came to a Priest to be shriv'd, and she told him all her sins: But one among the rest was, that she was with a young man in a Hay-loft: And what did you do there, says the Priest? Why, what an old fool are you, says she, to ask what a young man and a maid should do together in a Hay-loft.

162.

Another Maid, confessing her sins, told the Priest, that when her mother struck her, I struck her again, good Father; and when she said I was naught, I said again she was naught, good Father; and when she bid me kiss her Arse, I bid her again, *kiss my Arse good Father.*

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One wondred there was so many Pick-pockets about *London*, seeing there's a Watch at every corner: Puh, says another, *they'd as willingly meet with a Watch as any thing else.*

164.

All the Pictures in a great Lords Gallery were shewed to a Gentleman, which he lik'd very much, and one was that of the Ten Commandments: The Lord told him, seeing he liked them so well, he would give him one, and bid him make his choice; and he chose that of the Ten Commandments: That excepted, said the Lord, take any other: Well, says the Gentleman, my Lord if you will not give them to me, I'll promise you, *you shall never keep them.*

165.

One Mr. *Eaton* a good Houf-keeper, had a Schollar to dine with him, which he thought simple; and having a Goose at Table, said, Will you eat any Goose? the Schollar said nothing till all was eaten, and took away: Then says he, Sir, I thank you for myg ood chear, *the Goose is Eaton.*

166.

There were three Brothers named *Buck*, and having Venison, made three Pasties; and one of those who were invited was  
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nam'd Cook; and thinking to play upon the Brothers, said, Here is *Buck, Buck, Buck*: True, says one of the Brothers, *Buck* is good meat; but what says the Proverb? *God sends meat, and the Devil sends Cooks.*

167.

In *Ireland*, a Bag-piper coming for *England*, with his Snapack on his shoulder, as he sate at dinner in a Wood, three Wolves began to accost him; then he threw one bread and another meat, and still they crept nearer to him: Upon which being affraid, he took his bagpipes and began to play, at which noise the Wolves ran all away: A pox take you, says he, If I had known you had loved Musick so well, you should have had it before dinner.

168.

Two Gentlemen at a Meeting contended for wit, and one put such a taunt on t'other, that put him quite out of countenance; the Company laughing, said, That he had struck him dead, as *Sampson* did the Philistines: Says he presently, *I receiv'd that blow by the jaw-bone of an Ass.*

169.

A Gentleman and his man riding, his man saw one riding on a Cow; Look, Master, says he, yonder's a Fellow rides a Horse-back

back on a Cow : That's a Bull, says he, *No Sir* says he, *I know 'tis a Cow by his Teats.*

170.

A Countreyman riding up to the Term met a man going to be hang'd: Ah Friend, says he, thou art happy ; for *thou art like to have no doings at the Term.*

171.

Two Gentlemen were talking together busily, and a Beggar importun'd them very much for an Alms : They chid him often, but he'd not stirr : At last one of them let a great fart : Says the beggar, bless your Worships Arse ; upon which he gave him Six pence : *You see Sir, says the Beggar, 'tis an ill wind that blows no body good.*

172.

A Maid that liv'd near *Hunslow*, went to *Ludgate-hill* to buy a hat, for she was to be married the next *Sunday* : The Hatter askt her Fifteen shillings for the hat : But she said, she would give but Ten, nor had no more about her : Why sweetheart, says he, I'll take your Maidenhead for it : Well, come, says she : So up they went, and she paid him it seems that way, for she told her Mother that she had got a brave hat, and paid no mony at all for it : How then ? says her Mother : Why he took my Maiden-head.

head for it : What did he ask for it ? Says she. Why Fifteen shillings : Go you Whore, get you back again ; here's Fifteen shillings, go give it him, and fetch your Maidenhead again ; for I would not for Twenty shillings thy husband should find thee without a Maidenhead.

173.

A Country Farmer being sick, he and his Wife came to a Doctor, who advised him to drink Asses milk and Sugar every morning ; but if you can get no Asses milk, come to me, and i'll help you to some : Says his Wife to him, *pray do you think that the Doctor gives suck.*

174.

Some naked Boys at Nerton, making themselves boots with dirt, and washing themselves after, clapt some clay upon the hole of every Boys bum ; a Wench being among them, being to be clapt upon her bum also ; one said, Hey ding ! here's a Boy has two holes, give me two pieces of dirt.

175.

*John* came to *Thomas* his house to speak with him ; but *Thomas* came to the door, and bid his Maid say he was not at home, which *John* over heard : Two or three days after

after, *Thomas* came to speak with *John*, and *John* looks out at a window, and told him he was not at home : Why do you say so? do not I see you at home? Hey day, says *John*, *I believed your Maid you were not at home, and you will not believe me my own self.*

176.

One having a wry nose, one told him he knew what his Nose was made on, and what his nose was not made on: Why, says he, how's that? Why, says he, 'tis not made of *Wheat*, 'tis made of *Rye*.

177.

One *Chambers* and *Garret* riding by *Ti-burn* : Says *Chambers*, Here's a brave Tene-ment, if it had a *Garret* : I wonder, says *Garret*, thou shouldest talk so simply, there must first be *Chambers* before there can be any *Garret*.

178.

A virtuous Lady being once in a musing vein, sat with her legs stradling : Says her Husband to her, Sweet-heart, your Cabinet stands open ; Say you so, says she, why do not you lock it then? for I am sure none keeps the key but your self.

179.

A Gallant spying a gamefome Maid, said,  
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Sweet heart, Give me leave to kiss your hands and feet: O lack, Sir, says she, you are in extreams, to aim both high and low at once; for I have often heard, there's virtue in the middle, and there I would have you kiss; if you won't, you may let it alone.

180.

A Husband and a Wife did oft disagree; and so sharp they were at it sometimes, that they wish'd one anothers death; but their Son and Heir hearing them, and being of a very good nature (and very devout) fell down on's knees, and desired that God would hear both their praiers.

181.

A Fellow reported his Mistris was a Whore; which she hearing, rebuk'd him sharply for it: But one that stood by told her he was drunk when he said so: Yes, says the Fellow, and *in vino veritas*: Well, says she, then I pardon you.

182.

A penurious Knight coming to an Inn, to save charges called for some Pease up which he parch'd on the hearth for his supper: Which his man seeing, presently called for a bottle of Hay, and began to eat it; Being ask'd the reason, answered, *If my Ma-*

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*ster eats Provender, I hope I may make bold to feed  
on Hay.*

183.

A Citizen inviting some of his Neighbours to a Feast, by chance his son reaching a glass of Wine to a Gentleman, spilt some of it on his band: With that his Father took him a Box on the ear: And he recovering himself, struck the next man to him a good Box: being askt the reason, answered, Come, come, *let it go round, 'twill come to my Father anon*; for I dare not strike him myself.

184.

A Fidler was bragging what a chaste Wife he had: Says a Merchant, I'll lay my ship against thy fiddle, if I may have opportunity, I get her good will to lie with her: The wager was laid, and he had liberty to try her; But the Fidler in the mean time went to the window, and sung this Song.

*Hold out Sweet-heart hold out,  
Hold out but these two hours.  
If thou hold out there is no doubt,  
But the ship and all is ours.  
I faith sweet Robin I cannot,  
He hath caught me about the middle,*

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*He hath me won, thou art undone,  
Sweet Robin thou hast lost thy fiddle.*

185.

A Parson being at *Blackwal*, in the Rumps time, was much frequented by Women; and an honest Parson that preach'd hard by, and that was turned out for a Malignant, and much frequented by the said Women before, was askt the reason of it: who answered, *The weakest always goes to the wall.*

186.

Two Gentlemen (but unknown to each other) were appointed to lie with a Woman one night: The first came, and lost his ring in the bed; the second found it there, and about two or three days after, the other spies it on his finger, and he demands it: He askt him where he lost it: Why, in such a womans bed, says he: Why there I found it says the other: At last they agreed to leave it to the Arbitrament of the next man they met, which happened to be her Husband; and telling him the whole matter, says he, In my judgement, the man that owes the sheets should have the ring; Marry then they told him, *for your good judgement you shall have the ring.*

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One eating a Custard, it seems burnt his mouth that he cry'd again: The other ask'd him why he wept: Because, saies he, my Father died this day twelve months: Then the other burnt his chaps; and he ask'd him why he wept; He answered, Because thou wert not hanged that day thy Father died.

188.

One seeing one of his old acquaintances, and he took no notice of him, Push, saies he, *he sees me well enough, but won't look upon me.*

189.

A Gentleman taking a Wife very crooked, but of a very good condition, was ask'd why he married her? Answered, that God had bow'd her, and sent her to him for a token.

190.

King James going thorow the North into Scotland, at a Town the waies were very bad; and the King commanded them before his return to mend them: And they being most of them Tanners in the Town, laid all their Ox horns together, and earth on the top: And coming back, the Mayor told the King, that his Brethren the Aldermen and he, had laid their beads together to mend the way for His Majesty.

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191.

A Servitor in *Oxford* carrying a Neats Tongue to the Table, by chance let it fall ; for which his Tutor chid him extreemly: But he told him, that this fault was not great, it was only *Lapsus linguae*.

192.

One ask'd a Scull of a Kitchin in *Oxford*, how he came to have so much wit : Answered, Why; *where should it be, unless it be in the Scull ?*

193.

After Supper in a Colledge in *Oxford*, some of the young Schollars were throwing bones one at another ; which the Principal spying, sent them word, *Now the bellies were full, the bones should be at rest ?*

194.

A Fellow of a Colledge in *Oxford* having fore legs ; one ask'd him, how he could keep so much within doors, *seeing he had such running legs ?*

195.

A Lady having a very pretty Dog, which she loved much; the Parlour-door being open, it seems the Dog laid his tail there ; upon which the Maid whipt him : which my Lady hearing, ask'd what was the matter with the Dog ? The Wench told her, Nothing :

thing : What is it ? saies she : Truly Madam, little or nothing: What is it? I say, How swife: Why truly forsooth, Madam, *the Dog did untruss a point in the Parlour.*

196.

A Schollar gave his Tutor an Epistle for a Newyears-gift; which he found fault withal as having false Latine in it : O Sir, saies he, *you must never look a gift-horse in the mouth.*

197.

A Cook of a Colledge being almost drunk upon a Friday, when he was to broil red Herrings, mistook and slit his great sheath, and served it up for a red Herring. They chid him for it : He said nothing : What say they, have you lost your hearing? No, saies he, but I have lost my sheath.

198.

One in a Colledge Hall declaiming, it seems in the action was at a non-plus : Saies he to one that stood by, pray help me out a little : No saies the other, *m thinks you are out enough already.*

199.

A Schollar was jeered on the rode for having but one spur on : Faith, saies he, *if one side of my horse goes on, it is not likely the other side will stay behind.*

200.

A Schollar riding upon the rode, upon a pitiful tir'd Jade, by chance a Post came galloping that way; and he lay digging with his spurs to make way, but he stirred not: Saies the Gentleman to him, Do not you see Sir, I ride Post? And do not you see, saies the Schollar, that *I ride upon a post?*

201.

Another Schollar had got a miserable tired horse, and being six or seven miles to *Oxford*, could not get him above a footpace. A man advised him to take a long stick, and prick it into a bottle of hay, and hold it before his head; which he did and the horse snapping hastily at the hay, put one leg before another, and performed his journey.

202.

An *Oxford* Schollar, having been ten daies at *Cambridge* together, it seems they kept him drinking so all night, that he never could rise before dinner; and being ask'd, how he liked *Cambridge*, said, I like the place well enough, but that *there are no Forenoons in't.*

203.

A Tutor bid his Pupil construe *Pedo*,  
which

which was Latine for a Shepherds crook, or a Bishops staff: But in the Dictionary he found *Pedo* to fart; at which he laught: How now Sirrah, saies he, do ye laugh at *holy things*?

204.

A Schollar that was a *Glocestershire* man, came and intruded himself into the *Cornish* Feast in *Oxford*: Being ask'd what Countrey-man he was; answered, *There went but a pair of Shires between us.*

205.

One was talking of a base woman, that was still hitting her husband in the teeth with his horns: Saies a Simpleton *What a fool he was to let his wife know he was a Cuckold!*

206.

A Gentleman and a Citizen was talking together in a Shop: Saies the Gentleman (seeing two Aldermen going by) there goes a Cuckold: At which the Citizen complained to the Lord Mayor; who summoned the Gentleman before Him, and ask'd him how he durst say of one of the Aldermen, There goes a Cuckold: No my Lord, saies he, it was not so; for I did not say there goes a Cuckold, but, *There goes a Couple: viz A couple of Cuckolds.*

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207.

A Gentleman riding up *Cheapside*, by chance his Horse stumbled against a Door and fell down: Saies the Mistress of the house, thinking to jeer him, Sir, does your horse use to do so? Yes, saies he, when it comes just against a Cuckolds door. Why faith, saies she, *then you are like to have twenty falls before you'l come to the upper end of Cheapside.*

208.

A Gentleman riding, had a Dog named *Cuckold*, which ran after a proud Bitch into an Entry, Then said he, a Cuckold, a Cuckold: The woman came out and told him he was a Rogue to call her Husband Cuckold: No, saies he, I call not him, but my Dog: The more knave you, saies she, to *call a Dog by a Christian bodies name.*

209.

A man and his Dog went abroad for three or four daies together, and the Dogs name was *Cuckold*: In the evening the Dog came running in a doors: O Mother, saies the Boy, *Cuckold's* come; Nay then, saies the Mother, your Father is not far off I am sure.

210.

A Gentleman being in a place where  
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there was very small Beer, said, This Beer sweats extremely, for 'tis all in a water. Another said, the Beer was dead: It may be so, says a third, for *'was very weak when I was here last*, Also the Beer being dead, one prais'd it: Why so? because *we must speak well of the dead.*

211.

One Pace a bitter Jester in Queen Elizabeths daies, came to Court: Come says the Ladies, Pace, we shall now hear of our faults: No, says he, *I don't use to talk of that which all the Town talks of.*

212.

Two Gentlewomen were talking together in the private walks in Suttons Hospital; saies one of them, A Gentleman and his Mistris were once in this place very familiar together; *for there lay his head, and there lay my heels.*

213.

A Fellow in a pair of stocks said, that he could see over the wood, and under the wood, and thorow the wood, but could not get out of the wood: also his friend hollowed to him, because he had lost him in the wood.

214.

A woman of fourscore being sick, they  
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offered her some hot water: But she blowed it before she would drink it: And another hearing that they ask'd for hot water for one that was sick, said, if you had spoke but a little sooner, *I threw away a whole Kettle full.*

215.

A Gentlewoman being with child, her Husband was carving at the Table a couple of Coneys; and beginning with the flaps his Wife call'd to him, Pray Husband give me a flap o'th' Coney: What, says he, *before all this company, Wife?*

216.

A man having a huge beard, one said he had eaten a horse, and the tail hung in his mouth; and seeing a little fellow with a huge beard, ask'd who was that which stood behind the beard.

217.

Another with a great beard coming thorough *Thamesstreet*, there was a stop with carts: He standing near a Car-horse, the horse took his beard for a bottle of hay, and snapt at it: A pox take you, saies he, *who made you a Barber?*

218.

A Fellow going to sleep, put a brass pot under

under his head, and finding it very hard, stuff it with feathers, and so lay on it with confidence of softness.

219.

Two Welchmen coming to an Inn, had a dozen Eggs for their breakfast; and after they had paid, and were gone a mile out of the Town, one said to t'other, that he was glad he was there, for I did so cheat my Landlord this morning, for in the six Eggs which I had, I had two chickens, and paid ne'er a farthing for them.

220.

A man was mark'd in the forehead for having three Wives: What need that? for he was mark'd in the forehead when he had but one.

221.

One being troubled with the yellow Jaundies, was advised to eat Lice; and going to *Newgate* for Two penny worth, there was one little one which he desir'd to change: No, says he, *I will not cul my ware for two pence.*

222.

A Tinker crying for work, an Apprentice ask'd him why he did not stop the two holes in the Pillory: Says the Tinker, If you'll afford me your head and ears, I'll find you

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hammer and nails, and my work into the bargain.

223.

A Gentleman coming to an Inn, called for supper and desired the Host to sup with him : But the Host being angry at the laying of the cloth, took an empty dish and threw it down stairs; Which the Gentleman seeing, took the pots, glasses, dishes and all, and threw them down stairs: At which the cholerick Host being angry, ask'd him what he meant : No harm, says he ; but when I saw you fling the dish down stairs, *I thought you meant to sup below.*

224.

A Scriveners man reading a Bill of sale to his Master, said, *I do demise, grant, and to farm let all my Lands &c.* but on a sudden the Cough took him, that at present he could read no further : At which his Master being angry, bid him read on *with a Pox* ; at which words he went on *To you, your Heirs, and their Heirs for ever.*

225.

A Lawyers man ask'd him what was the strongest point in Law : He told him, good and sufficient witness ; for which advice his man was to pay for his charges that night : So he bespoke good chear purposely that night,

night and left his man in the morning to pay the reckoning; but the man left his Masters Cloak for the reckoning: That day it began to rain and his master called for his Cloak: Sir, says he, I have left it behind for the reckoning: Why, Sirrah, says he, were you not to pay it by our last Agreement? True Sir, says he, I do confess it between us two: but where is your *good and sufficient witness to carry it?*

226.

One sent his Boy to see whether his Hawks had cast or not: They both standing on a perch together, it seems the great Hawk got her hood off; and seeing the other near her, caught her fast hold by the head: Which the Boy seeing ran and told his Master, the little Hawk was ready to cast, for *the great Hawk was holding his head.* -

227.

A Knight having some Priests at his table, spied one at the lower end secretly put a Capon in his breeches. After dinner he askt him privately what he studied: He answered Divinity: 'Tis said, says he, that thou shouldest not be careful for meat against tomorrow: True, says the Priest, and *to put away all care, I put the Capon up to day.*

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229.

A Nun reading at the bottom of the leaf, *bonum est scire omnia*, intended the next day to know what Carnal Copulation with man was; but turning over the leaf, found following *sed non uti*. Whereupon to her grief, she altered her purpose, for her joy lasted but a while.

230.

A young married woman in *Cheapside*, in the morning being abed, her Husband being underneath in the shop; whilst he was selling his trinkets below, she was playing her tricks above; for she try'd to put her heel over her neck; Which being done, she could not get it back again, but with striving tumbled off the bed: Her Husband hearing a great noise above, sent up his man, a raw Country Boy, to see what was the matter: Who came down and told his Master, that his Mistress was bewicht, or turn'd into an Owl; and that she had fallen off the bed, and *with her fall had got a great gash in her shoulder*.

231.

A Gentleman that was a very little man, was one day a hunting and his servant lost him: Then he ask'd a Shepherd, whether he saw any Gentleman ride that way: Truly, says,

says he, I saw no Gentleman, but onely *a hat upon a saddle* gallopt that ways but a little while since.

## 232.

One wooing a Widdow, told her, he had three qualities which she must be acquainted with, before he married her; the first, that when he went abroad, he always came home brawling : Secondly, I must eat my meat alone ; And the third, That he would lie with her but once a moneth : If this be all, says she, I care not : And for the first, you shall not need to brawl when you come home, for I'll prevent it with brawling my self: And for the second, in eating your meat alone, do and spare not, but you shall give me leave to be your Taster, that is, take what I leave : and for your lying with me but once a moneth, take your course, for if you will not, another shall ; for in that time *I shall have a moneths mind to another.*

## 233.

A Maid going to the Mill, the Miller jerkt her ; and all the way home she cryed, O the lusty Miller of our Town ! Her dame mistrusting the business, went the next time her self with the corn ; and he jerkt her also ; and she cry'd all the way, O the lusty miller of our Town ! Her Husband mistrusting some thing

thing, went the next time to the Mill himself, and quarrelling with the Miller, the Miller bang'd him soundly; and all the way he cryed, O the lusty miller of our Town! The Maid hearing him say so, said, Dame, *In my Conscience the Miller has servcd my Master as he served you and I.*

234.

A Student newly married, being abed, calls for his book; his Wife wondring at it, calls for her wheel also: How now, says he, What is the matter? To spin, says she, that you may reel; for if you had not been drunk, you would never have *studied to conceive by Book.*

235.

A Proctor of Cambridge met a maid at twelve a Clock at night, and askt her what she was: She said, a Schollar: What a Schollar in a Wastecoat? says he: Yes, says she, I have answered *under-Bachelor* already.

236.

A man coming home, finds his Wife fullen, and would not speak: Upon which he presently tolls the Bell, saying, his Wife was speechless: But she hearing of it, rung him such a Peal, that drown'd the tolling of the Bell.

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237.

A Wench coming to be Confess'd, confessed abundance of her sins, but the chief was lying with men: Well, says the Fryer, Whoredome is a thing which doth much displease God: Faith, says she, I am sorry for that, *for I am sure it pleased me.*

238.

Says one, Thou art a very Rogue: Yes, says he, so are my betters: Sirrah, says he, you are an arrant Knave: It may be so, says he; but I know you to be a *Court-Card*, but I am sure you are neither *King* nor *Queen*.

239.

A drunken Fellow was brought before a Justice, and what question soever the Justice ask'd him, he still said, *Your Worship's wife*; Then he committed him till the next day; then sent for him again, and told him of his idle talking yesterday: Why what did I say? Why whatsoever I said to you, you still said, *Your Worship's wife*; that I thought thou wert mad: Truly, says he, *if I said so, I think I was mad indeed.*

240.

A bragging Souldier was shewing his great wounds which he had received in his face; but the General knowing him to be a  
*Coward*

Coward, said, You had best take heed next time *when you run away, that you do not look back.*

241.

A Captain having a Mistress before Colchester Siege, and having there eat nothing but Horse-flesh for eleven weeks together (for indeed there was nothing else to eat; ) after his coming home would fain have been dabling with his old Mistress again: She said, No, for though she had a mind to be got with child, yet she was resolved *never to be got with Colt.*

242.

A Hall in Cambridge is called Katherine-Hall, and an old Lady meeting with a Cambridge man, ask'd him how her Nephew behav'd himself: Truly Madam, says he, he is a great student, & holds close to Katherine-hall: I vow, says she, I fear'd as much; for the Boy *was ever given to Wenches* from his infancy.

243.

'Tis said the Stork breeds on the tops of houses, in places made purposely for her by the Inhabitants and when she has bred up her young, she lets fall the fattest of them to her Landlord in point of gratitude: So a Wench being bred on the alms of the Parish, was got with child, and went away  
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and left it on the Parish : Being ask'd the reason she told them the story of the Stork.

244.

An Outlandish Physician came to an *English* Lord, to be entertained in his service ; upon which he ask'd him what cures he had done ; He told many : I, says he, but I'll entertain none but he that has kill'd at least thirty for experience : Then truly, my Lord, says he, I think I have kill'd at least nine and twenty already : Well then, says the Lord, assure your self I will not make the thirtieth ; and so turned him out of doors.

245.

A Puritan said he had fasted one day last ~~Leant~~ : What, says one, was it *Good-Friday* ? No, says he, *Ash-Wednesday*. Why not rather on *Good-Friday* ? The truth is, says he, I eat so much on *Shrove-Tuesday*, that I could not eat any thing all *Ash-Wednesday* ; and that is the reason.

346.

A Nobleman of *Venice* not using to ride, by chance got upon a Corvetting Horse ; Hey day ! says he, I thought there had been no billows, at Land ; for as the billows toss my ship, so doth the earth my Horse.

247.

A rich Bishops Steward told his Lord,  
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That his servants were too many, and that his Estate would not hold out: Well, says he, give me a note of all that are necessary, and all that are superfluous: Which when he had read; Well, says he, let the first remain, because I have need of them; and the rest shall stay, because they need me.

248.

In a Country Town, a complaint was made to the Justices, that the drink was made too strong: After they had sate two days about it, they ordered that small Beer should be brewed: Which a mad Fellow hearing, came and ask'd them, Whether they had sate two days about the brewing of small drink: They said, Yes; Why then, says he, you may sit three days more *to know who will drink it; for I'll drink none of it.*

249.

A little slender Northern Lads was askt, how she durst venture on so big a man: O, says she, a little worm may lye under a great stone.

250.

A Phisician sent his horse to a Farrier, and he cur'd him: The Doctor went to pay him: No, says he, *we of our profession shou'd not take money one of another:* Then says he, farewel brother.

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## 251.

A Tailor having a pretty young Woman to his Wife , and he going into the Country to carry home some work ; in the mean time the Journey-man , a lusty young Lad, solicites her ; but she refused : At last he vow'd he'd come into her Chamber when she was abed : but she vow'd if he did , she'd bring up the great Knife , and lay in the bed with her : So at night he comes up and opens the Chamber-door softly , and stole towards the bed : At last he thought upon the Knife, for it seems he was not willing to be kill'd , and was stealing out again ; and opening the door softly, she ask'd who was there : 'Tis I, and I was resolved to lie with you to night , but that I remembred your vow of the knife : O what a Jade was I, says she, to leave *my knife below in the Kitchen!*

## 252.

Another Journey-man Taylor did wooe his Mistris in that manner also ; but she said she would not do : But notwithstanding all this , he resolved that night to get into her bed before she came up , the bed being close with Curtains ; and he did so : Then up came she , knowing nothing ; and after she was just got into the bed , she felt something stir : Who is there ? says she : 'Tis I Mistris, says

says he, peace: O you damn'd Rogue, you Devil, you Dog; How dare you offer such a thing? Sirrah, I'll have you made an example: Well, well, saies he, I am sorry I have offended you, be quiet I pray, I'll be gone: Nay, says she, you did not hear me bid you be gone; now you are here, you may stay: But if ever you do such another trick, I protest I'll tell your Master.

253.

A Cooper beat his wife with a hoop for pissing abed: The Neighbours said, he must be more moderate, for she was the weaker Vessel; *Therefore*, says he, *I boob her*, because she should hold water the better.

254.

One married but three daies, ca'll'd her Husband Cuckold. Says her mother, Housie you are a Drab, to begin to call your Husband Cuckold already; for I have been married at least thirty years to your Father and *durst never tell him of it yet*.

255.

Some Tylers working on the top of the house, one by chance dropt down thorow the rafters: Says one, I like such a Fellow dearly, for *he is one that goes through his work*.

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256.

Two Country Fellows at an Assize in Queen Elizabeths daies, were wondring why the Judges beards were shav'd so close: One said, to make 'em look grim, to terrifie the Prisoners: But t'other, a wonderful discreet man, said *'Twas onely to represent her Majesties person.*

357.

A Lord having an Irish Footman whom he loved very well, the Cook it seems had abused him; upon which, to be revenged, he feign'd himself sick: The Lord came to him, and ask'd him what he wanted, for he'd spare no cost to recover him. He finding his kindness to him, said, he long'd for a thing (but 'twas not fitting to ask it) yet he knew 'twould cure him: Saies the Lord, Name it, and thou shalt hav't: Then he desired that the Cook might fry him a good brown Turd with sweet Butter, and then put some Sugar upon it, and he'd eat it. The Cook was commanded to do it; but he refused it: Saies the Lord, If you will not do it, I'll turn you out o'th' doors: Then he did fry it as he desired, and brought it up to him. Saies the Footman, my Lord you know the Cook is my enemy, and I believe he has put some poison in it, and if he will not taste of it

it, I am sure it is so. Well, with much importunity, the Cook took a bit and eat it: O Pox saies the Footman, that's the only bit that I would have had; *seeing you have eat that, take all the rest.*

258.

A fat man riding upon a lean horse, was ask'd, Why he was so fat, and the horse so lean? said, *Because I look to my self, and my man to my horse.*

259.

A great Lord being in the Tower, was visited by some other Lords; and being merry, one began the Kings Health, which he refused to pledge: They told him 't would be ill taken: Why truly, my Lords, saies he, *I'll pray for the Kings health, but drink for my own.*

260.

A Wench complained to a Justice, that such a man would have ravish'd her: Says the Justice, Did he offer to tie any part of thy body? Yes, says she, he tyed my hands so fast, that I could not stir them; and he would have tyed my legs too, but I had the grace to keep them far enough asunder.

261.

Another Wench complained to a Justice, that such a one would have refresh'd her:  
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Thou meanest, says the Justice, Ravish: Yes, Sir, says she, I meant so indeed. I warrant says the Justice, this Rogue has ravish'd thee many times before this? And she, to aggravate the matter, said, Yes, Sir, *at least twenty times before now*: which sav'd his life.

262.

It was reported for a long time, that Queen *Elizabeth* was dead, and then contradicted again: One that was by, swore, he had heard it so often, that he'd never believe it, *till he saw it under her own hand.*

263.

One at an Ordinary said, If any snatch my bread from my Trencher, my humour is such, that I shall stab him. Says another there, and I have another quality too, that when I see any man stab, then I stab too; and so snatcht away his bread and eat it.

264.

Says a man (having a candle in his hand) By this candle wife I dreamt this night that thou madest me a Cuckold: She having a piece of bread in her hand, said, By this bread but I did not. Eat the bread: says he, Nay says she, eat you the candle; for you swore first.

365.

A new Mayors Wife of a Town in the  
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West, came to Church the first *Sunday* after her Husband was chosen; and just as she came into the Church, the people began to stand up at the Creed; which the poor heart mistook, and took it to be an honour done purposely to her: An't please God, says she, I'll requite you all before my Husband goes out of his office.

166.

A Gentleman riding near the Forrest of *Whichwood* in *Oxfordshire*, ask'd a Fellow what that wood was call'd; He said, *Whichwood* Sir; Why that Wood: *Whichwood* Sir, Why that Wood I tell thee: He still said, *Whichwood*. I think saies the Gentleman the man is *Wood*: Yes, saies he, I believe one of us is so, but I can't tell *which*.

267.

Two being in a Tavern together, one would force the other to drink: He desired to be excused; Then he swore if he did not pledge him, he would run him thorow. Well, says he, seeing it must be so, I will run myself thorow, and then pledge you afterwards: So he run thorow the door down stairs, and left him a pledge for the reckoning.

268.

A Drunkard going home in a Moon-shining night, coming from one side of  
*Cheapside*

*Cheap-side* to the other; the Moon shining, he thought that side which was shadowed, was a River, and putting off his cloths, he marcht with one foot and then another: And being come to the other side, he wip'd him: and put on his breeches, and shoes and stockins again: And when he had done, the watch (who observ'd all) came to him, and ask'd him from whence he came: He said, he call'd for a Boat to pass that dangerous River: Well say they, and *we are the Watermen that are to row you to the Counter*: and so they did.

269.

One told a Bakers Son, that his Father was a Knave: Truly, says he, *Though I say it, that should not say it*, my Father is as honest a man as ever liv'd by bread.

270.

One being sick, a Priest told him, that day he should be carried into *Paradise*: Says he, you speak comfortably; but if the journey be any thing long, I am so weak, *I shall never be able to reach thither upon my own legs*.

271.

The old Earl of *Essex*, in a voyage made forty Knights: to whom says Queen *Eli-*  
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*zabeth*, my Lord, you should have done well to have built an Hospital before you went; they having most of them but small Estates.

272.

Two Clerks belonging to one Church, and having both of them sate up most part of the night, were both asleep when Sermon was done: a man jogg'd one of them, and bid him sing a Psalm, for Sermon was done: Sing *All people*, saies he: The other then awak'd, and hearing him say so, said, *Hang all people*, sing me the *hundred Psalm*.

273.

I like not this meat, says one, for I have a Sweet Tooth: Says another, so I believe; for I never knew any Calveshead without one: Then says he (the Calves head being in the dish) look how clear the dish is; for 'tis so clear, that if you look well, *you may see your Face in it*.

274.

In the Rumps time the Troopers kept a Guard in *S. Pauls Church*, and an *Essex* man coming to Town, heard that Troop was then upon the Guard, which quartered at their Town: So he went in and found the man that Quartered at his house: O  
Landlord

Landlord, says he; how de'e? By my troth, says *John*, I am glad to see this blessed Reformation in *London*; for in our *Town* we can't get the people to Church, but here the very horses come to Church.

275.

Count *Gundamore* lying at *Ely-house*, desir'd my Lady *Hatton* to let him have a passage out at the back-door into the fields; which she put off with a Complement: He tells King *James*, that my Lady *Hatton* was a strange woman; for she would not let her Husband come in at her fore-door, nor him at her back-door.

276.

*Archee* the Jester being in *Spain*, bluster'd out many Gibes and Jests; and one was, that the Spaniard wondring that the Duke of *Bavaria*, with less than Fifteen thousand men, after a long toilsome march, should dare to encounter the *Palsgraves* Army, being Five and twenty thousand, and utterly discomfit them, and take *Prague* also. Says *Archee*, I'll tell you a stranger thing than that; Was it not strange, that in 1588, there should come a Fleet of a hundred and forty sail from *Spain* to invade *England*, and that ten of those never came back again to tell what became of the rest?

277.

A Fellow in a Cooks shop in *France*, fill'd his belly only with standing by, whilst the meat was dish'd up, and the Cook would be paid for a meal : So it was left to the decision of the next Passenger, which hapned to be an Ideot ; who said, That the mans money should be put between two dishes, ringing it for a time, and the Cook should be content with the gingling of the money , as the man was satisfied with the smell of the meat.

278.

A rich Fool was begg'd by a Lord of the King ; and the Lord coming to another Noblemans house, the Fool saw the picture of a Fool in the hangings, which he cut out ; and being chidden for it, answered, You have more cause to love me for it ; for if my Lord had seen the picture of the Fool in the hangings he would have begg'd them of the King, as he did my Lands.

279.

A Dog running at a man, and he having a Pike-staff in his hand, run him into the guts, and kill'd him. The master of the Dog ask'd him, why he did not strike him with the blunt end of his staff : I would, said he, *if he had run at me with his tail.*

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280.

A young man and maid were got into a huge round Sugar-barrel together; and the Constable having notice of it, came thither, and was resolved to send them to the *Round-House*: O no, says a Gentleman, I pray good Mr. Constable by no means, for you see *they have put themselves into the Round-House already.*

281.

A Witch being at the stake to be burnt, she saw her son there; and being very dry, desir'd him to give her some drink: No Mother, says the Sweet-conditioned Son, 'twill do you wrong, for *the dryer you be, you'll burn the better.*

282.

A Shepherd being careful of his Sheep spy'd a Wolf through the hedge: He ask'd him what he did there? The Wolf told him he need not be afraid, for the Sheep were far enough upon the hill. Says the Wolf, The Crows come upon their backs daily and steal their wool away, and nothing is said to them; and if I do but look upon 'm, you rate at me; but I have heard an old wolf say, *He that has an ill name, is as good as half hang'd* and this I can lawfully

fully say, that *some may better steal, than others look on.*

283.

A crew of Foxes went a visiting to a Hen-roost, where they feasted themselves till their guts crack'd again: having-supt, and ready to go away, one said, Let's point our next meeting place: Says another, yes; and let it be at such a Farmers house, he has excellent Lambs: Says a second, I do know that at such a place there are excellent fat Geese: Well, says an ancient Fox, you may think and appoint a meeting in several places, but I believe *the surest place to meet will be in a Skinners Shop.*

284.

A Barber contended with a Mower for priority: For says he, Kings must sit bare-headed to me: Puh, says the Mower, when you have cut, you dare not shit upon that you have done, but I do it often.

285.

A man on his death-bed bequeathed all he had to his three sons; to the first he gave all his Land, for he said he had been very dutiful, but he said he hoped his Father would live to enjoy it all himself: To the second, he gave all his money and goods, for he had been dutiful also, and he wisht  
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his father might live and enjoy it all himself: And to the third, he said, Thou hast been a Villain, a Rogue, and a Vagabond; I first give to thee the benefit of the Stocks, to keep both thy legs warm; and next Bridewel, where thou shalt dine upon free-colt with Mr. Lashington every day; and then I bestow the Gallows upon thee at last: Truly Father, says he, I thank you, and I hope you'll live to enjoy them all your self.

286.

One ask'd a Painter how he drew such excellent Pictures, seeing he begot such ugly children: Faith, says he, it is *because I make the one in the night, the other in the day.*

287.

A Courtier had a handsome wife, which he often left behind him in the Countrey; but it seems a lusty Fellow, a Carter, was familiar with her; which came to the Courtiers ear, who vowed he'd kill the Rogue wheresoever he met him; and being one day in the field, one told him, that's the Fellow that has made you a Cuckold. So to him he goes: Sirrah, says he, I hear in my absence that you are familiar with my Wife, and that you have made me a Cuckold: Well, Sir, says he, I have done so; What then? What then? says he, *Why if you had not*

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*confest it, I would have broke your pate.*

288.

One being ask'd, why he married so little a Wife? answered, *Of all evils the least is to be chosen.*

289.

One seeing a Dwarf of four and forty years old, said, If he be as long a going from a man, as he is growing to a man, out of doubt the Ape will never die.

290.

A huge prating Gentlewoman had lost most of her teeth; and she ask'd her Physician the reason, in regard she was young and healthful: He answered, I can guess at nothing, but that *your tongue grates too much against y<sup>r</sup> teeth.*

291.

One ask'd a very old man, seeing he was so old, how he was so fat? who answered, That he was never yet a Husband nor Servant.

292.

One having a huge, big, fat Daughter, offer'd her to a man with a great portion: Says the other, I thank you, for one quarter of her is enough for me; therefore pray seek out some other Husband for the rest.

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293.

A great Toasted-Cheese eater, had baited his Trap with Cheese; which one seeing, said, What need you have baited your Trap with Cheese? for if you did but sleep with your mouth open, all the Mice in the Chamber would enter into your stomach, and so you might catch them better that way, and with less charge.

294.

One that had a huge nose like a bunch of Grapes, and passing the street, two women met him and seeing such a Nose, stood still and gaz'd at it. The man ask'd them the reason: They said, We can't go by, your Nose stands in our way: With that, he took his Nose, and put it a one side, saying, *On your Whores, for now the way is made for you.*

295.

One hearing a man and his wife chiding furiously together, advised them to agree as man and wife: Why so we do, says he, for we are like a pair of cards, shuffle one with another all day long, and at night lie close together like good friends.

296.

A Gentlewoman that had two Paramors, one call'd Spot, the other Fuller: Says one to her, *Madam, I wonder you should be so*

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*troubled with a Spot, having alwaies a Fuller at your command.*

297.

A Gentleman whole Mistris name was *Field*, saying in a morning to a Friend of his, See how I am bedew d by coming over yonder field: No, says he, 'tis rather by lying all night in the Field.

298.

A poor Fellow came to a Bulk in *Cheapside*, and there he sate: But the Apprentice bid him be gone for a lowzy Rogue: Says he, as lowzy as I am, I hold you Five pound I dine with such a Sheriff to day: So the match was laid, and he comes to the Sheriffs house, and desir'd to speak with him: What's your business? says he; Sir, an't please you, what is a Wedge of Gold of half a yard long worth? Friend, says he, I am just going to dinner, sit down, and I will talk with you after dinner. After dinner he ask'd him about the Wedge of Gold: Truly Sir, says he, I did not tell you I had any such; but only I ask'd you, What such a one was worth? and if ever I find any such, your *Worship* shall have the first refusal.

299.

A Gentleman landing at *Rye* in *Sussex*,  
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in Queen *Elizabeth's* days, and lying long in an Inn with his man, could nor defray his charges: So his man went down to the Host, and said his master was a Jesuit, and he would not stay with him: Upon which the Constable was call'd, who apprehended him; for 'twas death then to conceal a Jesuit: So the Town presently paid his charges, and brought him safely up to *London* and presented him to the Bishop there; who presently knew the Gentleman, and discharged him; for he was a very zealous Protestant, only his man and he devised this trick to pay off their *Rye-score*.

300.

Four Rogues had stollen (at *Sevil* in *Spain*) a Chest and some loose Plate out of a house, which an Officer seeing, ask'd them what they carried: They told him the people of such a house was going to another house, for the man of that house was dead of the Plague: What! says the Officer, why does none stand and weep at the street-door? (which is the custom of *Spain*.) I warrant say they, you shall see weeping enough thereby and by: which they all did for the loss of their goods.

301.

A Ruffian and a Quean were both to be  
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whipt at a Carts tail in *Paris*; and finding her Mate at the Cart before her, said, Thou Rogue, for your sake am I brought hither to day to be disgrac'd. A pox take you for a Whore, says he, and for *whose sake am I here d'ye think?*

302.

A Gallant alighting at the Court gate at *Woodstock*, his horse being richly trapped corvetted much: so he gave him to a man to walk him. Sir, says he, he is very furious methinks, and one man can't walk him I fear. Yes, says the Gallant, one alone may do it: Say you so? says he, then *pray do't your self.*

303.

One ask'd a plain Countrey Fellow in a rainy morning, what he thought, whether it would prove a fair day or not, for all that. Truly Sir, says he, *that I shall tell you at night.*

304.

A drunken Fellow named *John Tompson*, driving his Cart towards *Wells* in *Somersetshire*: and being fast asleep in his Cart, his two Horses were stolen away: He awaking, said, Either I am *John Tompson*, or not *John Tompson*: If I am *John Tompson*, then I have lost my two Horses; if I be not

*John*

*John Tompson*, then I have found a Cart.

305.

Some Swayns were driving Oxen on a *May-day* in the morning through a Town where they were dancing round the May-Pole : One of the Dancers went and askt the Fellows, why they did not keep it Holiday. Why, what day is't ? *May-day* : It may be so : Well, says he, If you will not keep it Holiday for *S. Philip* and *Jacobs* sake, yet at leastwise *do it for the May-Poles sake*.

306.

A foolish man fell out with a fool, and in his rage ran at him with a Cudgel, to beat him : The fool turn'd his back unto him, and fleeing over his shoulder said, *We are two (so we are) we are two*.

307.

A Dog had bitten a Fool, and the Fool finding him next day a sleeping in the grass, knockt out his brains; saying, *He that bath Enemies, let him take heed how and where he sleeps*.

308.

A Miserly Gentleman was used to promise much, but perform little : Upon which a Gentlewoman said, By my troth Sir, you

were

were even the finest Gentleman in the world, if your purse strings bung at your mouth.

309.

A Gentleman had a desire to hire two resolute Russians to do some exploit upon one that had abused him: A little after his man brings him two whose faces were flisht and cut: No, says he, I'll have none of you, but if you can *bring me those men that gave you these wounds*, they are for my turn.

310.

A Mayor of London died it seems, the very same day that he was elected; upon which, says one merrily, A vigilant Mayor he was; for *he never slept all the time of his Mayoralty*.

311.

An Elder Brother was commending his younger Brothers green Cloak which he wore, and said it became him passing well. Faith Brother, says he, *but a black mourning-cloak from you will become me better*.

312.

An Italian Traveller used to say, that the Portuguese seems a fool, and is so; the Spaniard seems wise, and is a fool; the Frenchman seems a fool, but is wise; the Englishman

man is wise, but cannot shew it; and the Dutchman would be wise, but *for the pot.*

313.

A Doctor complained that he had but one tooth left him in his head, and it lately fell out with eating an over-ripe Fig: Faith, says another, but I believe your *tooth was a great deal riper.*

314.

One that loved Wine very well, drank to another in Wine: he said he durst not drink Wine, for 'twould make his face full of pimples: *A Pox of that face,* says he, *that makes the whole body fare the worse.*

315.

One having two sons, the one Legitimate, and the other a Bastard, he made the Bastard his heir: so these two falling out, one twitted the other, that he came in at a Window: True, says he, I did; but *'twas to keep you out of the house.*

316.

A Bastard was telling his Friend, that he was as much beholding to such a man, as to his own Father: Yes, says another, but I believe you are more beholding to your Mother, to chuse you such a Father, than to your Father that chose you such a Mother.

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317.

A young Bride undressing her self unwillingly, and crying: Well, says her Mother, Faith Child, *I wish I were to endure all thy pains to night.*

318.

A Gentleman being booted and spur'd to take horse to go into the Countrey, without giving his Mistris notice of it, came at last to take leave of her: Faith, says she, *you may now ask me leave for the next time, for at this time you have taken it your self.*

319.

A Gentleman once requested a thing of an unchast Woman: No, says she, for had I a hundred things, you should have none of them: Well, says he, but I knew the time, *when having but one thing, you let a Friend use it.*

320.

A Gentleman that had spent all, upbraided another Gentleman that was a good Husband, by saying to him, That Velvet Cloak, I believe, was thy Great Grand-fathers; Yes, says he; and *I have also my Great Grand-fathers Lands too: Tar-box for that Sir.*

321.

One askt why men sue always to Women,  
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and Women never to men; Because, says another, *Women are always ready for men, and men not always for women.*

322.

A Gardener being to be hang'd, his Wife came to give him his last kiss at the Gallows: Out you Baggage, says he, *we are like to thrive well at the years end, there can't be a meeting in all the Countrey but you'll be sure to make one: Home and weed, home and weed you Whore, with a pox to you.*

323.

A Doctor in Oxford, at his own charges, was mending a Causey; and a Nobleman riding by, said, How now Doctor! I see you are mending the High-way, *but it is not the High-way to Heaven: No my Lord, says he, if it were, I should have wondred to have seen your Lordship come this way.*

324.

A Gentleman of Cardinal Wolseys, making way before his Lord, as he pass thorow the Church, and seeing a poor Priest kneeling at his prayers in the way, said, Room for my Lord Cardinal's Grace: No, says he, the Pope is not dead yet, what should he do there? Remove out of your place I say, to make way; Why, says he, *D'ye think my Lord will take my place?*

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325.

One told Pope *Alexander* the Sixth , That it were necessary to banish all the Physicians out of *Rome*; for they were unnecessary ; No, says the Pope, they are very useful; for *without them the world would encrease so fast , that one could not live by another.*

326.

A Gamester ow'd a Gentleman, a Friend of his, Five pound, and having lost all his money, sent to borrow of him Five pound more , by the token that he ow'd him already Five pound : Pray, says the Gentleman, *bid your Master send me the Token, and then I will send him the Five pound.*

327.

A Gentleman stammering much in his speech, laid down a winning Card ; and then said to his Partner , Ho, sa-ay you now, was not this Ca-ca-card pa-a-assing we-we-well la-a-aid ? Yes, says t'other, 'twas well laid, but *it needs not half that cackling.*

328.

One, thought to be a Wiseman, besought a gift of a King for his Friend ; which was deni'd : Yet he prest him , and was again denied : Then he fell down on his knees , and kist his feet ; then 'twas granted : But his Friends told him , 'twas beneath a man  
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of his quality to beg so as he did : Pish, says he, do not blame me, 'tis not my fault, but the Kings; for you see *his ears are in his feet.*

329.

One affirmed, that he had seen a Cabbage so big, that Five hundred men on horseback might stand under its shade : And I for my part, says another, have seen a Caldron so wide, that Three hundred men wrought therein, each distant from the other twenty yards: Then the Cabbage-lyer ask'd him, For what use was that Caldron? Says he, *To boil your Cabbage in.*

330.

A Gentleman and his Servant, in a cold frosty morning, riding thorow a River together, the Gentlemans horse stumbled, and fell down : The horse presently fell to drinking, at which his man laught heartily : Sirrah, says he, do you laugh at me? No Sir, says he, I don't laugh at you, but I laugh to see that your horse *cann't drink without a toft this cold morning.*

331.

One travelling in a frosty morning in a Countrey Village, was set upon by a Mastiff; and stooping for a stone to throw after him, could get none up : A Pox of this  
Countrey

Countrey, says he, where *the Dogs are let loose,*  
and they *tye up their stones.*

332.

A Gallant standing in a muse, a Lady ask'd him what he thought of: he said, Of nothing: What do you think of, says she, when you think of nothing? Faith, says he, *then I Think of you, and your Sexes Inconstancy.*

333.

A rich Bumpkin had a son something simple, yet he would have him made a Priest; So he having spoke to the Bishop before, and desir'd him to be favourable to him: Being come, the Bishop said, *Noah* had three Sons, *Shem*, *Ham* and *Japhet*: Now who was *Japhets* Father? Truly my Lord, says he, I never learnt that yet: But coming back again, his Father hearing of it, said. Has not *Cole* my Dog three Whelps, *Rig*, *Trig*, and *Tribal*; and must not *Cole* be the Sire of *Tribal*? O Father, says he, now I have it. So the next day he went to the Bishop again; and the Bishop askt the former Question, who was *Japhets* Father: Why, says he, *Cole my Fathers Dog.*

334.

A Gentleman coming hungry home call'd for a Dinner: His man told him, it  
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was newly struck ten : Puh, says he, don't tell me of ten by the Clock, when it has struck twelve by my stomach.

335.

A great Astronomer looking seriously upon the stars, minded not his way, but fell into the water; upon which one said, *If he had lookt into the water, he might have seen the Stars; but looking upon the Stars, he could not see the water.*

336.

Pope *Sixtus* the fifth was a poor mans Son, and his Fathers house was so ill thatcht, that the Sun came in at many places : Upon which he would sport with his Nobility, saying, he was the Son of an *Illustrious* house.

337.

*Nero* did cut a boy to transform him into a Woman, and call'd him Wife : A Roman Senator said secretly to his Friend, *'Twas pity Nero's Father had not such a Wife.*

338.

The Arch-Duke being forc'd privately to rise by night and raise his siege from a Town call'd *Grave* in *Holland*, Queen *Elizabeth* said to his Secretary, being here, What, your Master is risen from the grave without sound of Trumpet.

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339.

A young man in *Rome* was very like *Augustus Caesar* : *Caesar* sent for him, and askt him whether ever his mother had been in *Rome* : No, says he, but *my Father was*.

340.

In a Wedding between a Gentleman of a great Family and no Wealth, and a Widdow of great Wealth; says one, This is like a Black pudding; the one brought *blood*, and the the other *Suet and Oatmeal*.

341.

*Cassius* being beat by the *Parthians*, whose chiefest Arms were Arrows, he fled to a City for security; but doubting his safety there, resolved to fly from thence : but an Astrologer said, Go not from hence while the Moon is in *Scorpio*. But says he, I am more afraid of *Sagittary*; meaning the Arrows whereby the *Parthians* won the Victory.

342.

Also King *Antigonus* invading *Parthia*; he was told that the Enemies had such volleys of Arrows to encounter him, that 'twould darken the Sun : That's well, says he, then we shall fight in the shade this hot weather.

343.

A Souldier in Time of War found a horse-shoe

shoe, and stuck it at his girdle: A little after comes a bullet, and hits just upon it; Well, says he, *I see a little Armour will serve, if it be well plac'd.*

344.

A poor Woman being sick, bequeaths to the Priest her Hen, which he took away; but she recovering, said, the Priest was worse than the Devil, for she had bid the Devil take her twenty times, and yet he spared her, and the Priest but once, and he hath *taken her away.*

345.

A Chandler having had some Candles stole: One bid him be contented; for in a short time, says he, I am confident *they'll all come to light.*

346.

Bishop Bonner told Henry the Eighth, if he sent him on such a rough Message to the French King, he'd take his head off: if he does, says he, I'll take a thousand of his Subjects heads off. I Sir, says he, but I question whether any of them will fit *my shoulders.*

347.

One crossing King James in hunting, which was a sport which he loved infinitely, he rides after him with his sword drawn. Pray Sir, says he, *do not Knight me till my Elder*

*Elder Brother's dead, for I am but a Younger Brother*: which took his fury off into a laughing humour.

348.

A Souldier and a Courtier meeting, the Courtier wisht every hair on his head were a Vassal to do him service: Says the Souldier, and I wish that every blast from my tail were a Canon ready charged to destroy your Enemies.

349.

A Thief early in the morning went to seek his prey; the first he met was a Jesuit, which he bound in a wood: The next was a Presbyterian, whom he bound with the other: Now says he, *you have leisure to dispute.*

350.

A Gentleman dying, says a Jesuit, Sir, hope you will give to our Convent such ground, and such a field, and such a Mannor Yea, says he: But his Son & Heir standing by fearing all would be given from him (for the Priest said the last will of the dead must be obey'd) said, Father, shall I break the Jesuit's neck down stairs? Yea, says he, *for the last will of the dead must be obeyed*, and so he presently threw him down stairs.

351.

A simple Fellow being arraign'd at the Bar, the Judge was so favourable to him, as give him his Book, and they bid him read : Read ! Truly my Lord, says he, *I can read no more than the Pope of Rome.*

352.

Another Fellow had the favour of his Book also, and being illiterate, a Schollar in Oxford stood behind him to instruct him ; and the words were, *Lord have mercy upon us* : So the Fellow held the book, and the Schollar bid him say after him ; *O Lord* says the Schollar, *O Lord*, says the Fellow ; and his thumb being upon the other part of it, the Schollar said, *Take away thy thumb* : Then says the Fellow, *O Lord take away thy thumb* : Then says the Judge, *Legit aut non legit Clericus ? Non legit*, says he : Then the Judge said, Take him away Jaylor.

353.

A Gentleman suspected to be a Roman Catholick was convented before a Justice of Peace, who bid him call the Pope knave : Sir, says he, should I call him knave whom I never saw ? But if I knew him *as well as I do your worship*, I'd call him so a thousand times.

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354.

A Fellow came into an Inn, and call'd for six Loaves, then for six Cans of Beer; and for each Can he gave 'em a Loaf: He ask'd what's to pay? they said, Six pence: For what? for Beer, say they: Why, had you not Bread for your Beer? Why then for bread, say they: *Why, you had your bread again?*

355.

In a Tavern they wanting attendance, one flung the pinte-pot down stairs: presently up came two pintes; then he flung the quart down, up came two quarts: at last he flung the Drawer down stairs, saying, *Now I hope that will bring up two Drawers.*

356.

A handsome Wench was brought by a Constable before a Justice late at night: The Justice bid him take her home to his house all night: Yes Sir, says he, so I will, *so you will commit my wife till the morning.*

357.

One smelling stinking feet, said, who wears socks here? One close to him, said, that for his part, he never wore socks in his life, nor knew not what they were.

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358.

One being sick, was counselled to think of Heaven : Why, whither, says he, de'e think my Wife's gone? They told him to Heaven: Nay then, says he, *I care not whither I go, so I come not where she is.*

359.

One having a many Pictures to be hang'd up in his house, among which one was his own Picture; Well, says he, Here such a Picture shall be hang'd, and here such a Picture, and *here I'll be hang'd my self.*

360.

A Braggadocio swore, that he met with two great Enemies at one time, and he tost one so high in the air, that if he had had a Bakers basket full of bread, he would have starved in the fall; and the other he struck so deep into the earth, that he left nothing to be seen, but his head and one arm.

361.

Several Women were chatting together about their Husbands : One said this, and t'other said that ; but one said, being very melancholous, My Husband is a good Arithmetician, onely he cann't *Multiply.*

362.

A Gentleman being trim'd at a Barbers, the barber being drunk, piss in the chimney :

The Gentleman ask'd why he did so? No matter says he, *I am to leave it the next Quarter* : And the Gentleman finding fault with his linnen, he went up stairs to fetch others; in the mean time he shit in the Chimney : Why de'e so, says the Barber? Because says the Gentleman, *I intend to leave it presently.*

363.

One seeing a Fellow write false English when he was painting a Countrey Church, was told of it : Why, says he, I know what I do well enough; but the people are so penurious, that they will not go to the charge of true English.

364.

A poor Countrey Boy came to *London* to be an Apprentice to a Cöbler, and seeing the Lord Mayors shew, and hearing that Sir *Simon Eyre*, who formerly was Lord Mayor, had been Apprentice to a Shoemaker; one said to him, Is not this a brave shew? I, says the Boy, *'tis this we must all come to.*

365.

A Gentleman after Harvest, invited all his Harvest-people to dinner, there being good Beef, Mutton, Veal, Fowl, and among the rest Pease and Artichokes: So he bid them all fall to what was before them; and one

one Fellow cut an Artichoke quite thorow the middle, and cut a bit, and put it into his mouth, and the choke being forgot to be took out, it stuck so in his throat, that he fell to kecking, to get it up or down : One of the Servants seeing it, told him, that must be the last dish that should be eaten. Truly says he, *I think it will be the last that e'er I shall eat.*

366.

A Woman having plaid false with her Husband; he thereupon grew extream melancholly : And being ask'd what was his distemper ; Truly, says he, I am only troubled with a *bad Liver.*

367.

Thieves coming to rob a house, they came a little before the Gentleman was asleep ; and the Gentleman call'd to 'em, and bid them *stay but one two hours, and by that time he should be asleep ;* which made them scuttle down the Ladder faster than they came up.

368.

Another time Thieves came to a decay'd Gentlemans house to rob him ; but looking out at window, he told them, 'Twas in vain for them to think to find any thing in the night, *when he himself could find nothing in the day-time ;* so away they went.

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One came to a Citizen to buy a Mat, and shewing him many, but he lik'd them not: Then he to jeer the Countrey fellow, brought forth his Daughter Mat, and told him this was all the Mats he had: No, says he, *I must have one that has not been lain on.*

370.

A man with one eye married a Virgin, as he thought, but found it otherwise; and upbraiding her with her unchastity, she told him, that he was not perfect himself, and would you have me so? for thou hast but one eye, says she: I, says he, but that flaw I got by my Enemy; and I mine by my Friend, says she: *There's the difference.*

371.

Two Servants being to fight a Duel in a morning; the one being fearful, would needs ask his Lady leave first overnight, and told her that he was abus'd by the other, which he would make good on him: But she charg'd them both to desist, or she'd turn 'em both out o'th' doors: Well, says he that told the Lady, Madam, *I will obey your good Ladyship.*

372.

A Servitor that waited in a Colledge Hall in Oxford, being hungry, snatcht away  
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his Master's Commons from his trencher, and said, *Opus & usus auferendi casus exigant.*

373.

A Welchman for a Robbery, having been tryed for his life, was only burnt in the hand; and coming home in *o Wales* again, was ask'd how he sped in *England*: O, says he, there was brave Fortune-tellers in *England*; for *hur was but hold up hur hand, and ibey was tell hur whether hur should live or dye or no.*

374.

Noy the Lawyer, thinking to abuse a Countrey fellow driving his Cart, askt him why his forehorse was so fat, and the rest so lean; He could not well tell, but he thought *the forehorse was a Lawyer, and the rest his Clients*: for which conceit he gave him an Angel.

375.

Two Gentlemen riding from *Shipton* to *Burford* together, and seeing the Miller of *Burford* riding softly before on his sacks, resolved to abuse him; so one went on one side of him, and t'other on the other, saying Miller, now tell us, which art thou, more Knave or Fool? Truly, says he, I know

not which I am most, but I think, *I am between both.*

376.

A Templer going at *Christmas* into *Yorkshire* to his Father, took some other Templers along with him; and one of the Holidays he would have them to an Ale-house hard by, where the woman was deaf; So coming thither, O my young Master, says she, I ha'n't seen you this seven years: Then he thinking to abuse her, drank to her, saying here's to thee, and to all the Rogues, Whores and Bawds in *England*: She seeing his lips go, but hearing him not, said, Come Sir, I'll pledge you, for I know you *drink to your Father, and your Mother, and those good Gentlewomen your Sisters.*

377.

In a storm at Sea, all went to prayers but one, and he fed heartily on salt meat: Being ask'd the reason, said, he should *drink more to day than ever he did in his life.*

378.

One night a Drunken Fellow jostled against a post, but the Fellow thought some body had jostled him, and fell a beating the post till his fingers were broken: Says one to him, Fie, what do you do to fight  
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with a post? Is it a post? Why did he not blow his horn then?

379.

A new married man being in bed with his Wife, thought her a Virgin, and told her he fear'd he should hurt her, and therefore would rise and fetch an Instrument to order affairs a better and easier way: But she poor heart speaking simply, and to ease him, said, Good Husband don't trouble your self; for my Fathers Journey-man hath saved you that labour a year ago.

380.

An old Gentleman being sick of an Imposthume, all his servants fearing his death, took what they could light on: and went away. An old Ape seeing what the rest did, found an old hat of his Masters, and seeing the rest of the servants bid him adieu, he put his hat off, and bow'd to him: At which the old Gentleman laught so heartily, that his Imposthume broke and he recovered.

381.

A Player being to lie dead upon the Stage by chance cough'd: At which one of the Players wittily said, Sure he us'd to *drink in his porridge*, which makes him *cough in his grave*.

382.

A Tutor bid his Pupil come to the Schools, but he slept all the while. After the Exercise was done, home comes the Tutor, and finds him asleep, and askt him why he did not come to disputation. Truly Sir, says he, *I never dreamt on't.*

383.

Two that had been bred together Comrades in War, and besieging a Town, went into a Trench to drink, and as one of them was heaving up the Jack to drink, a Canon-bullet came and struck the Jack and his head clear away: Zounds, says the other, *All the Beer is spilt.*

384.

Two fighting together in a frosty morning, one struck the others head off; but fearing the Law, took up the head again, being reeking hot, and clapt it on, which immediately was frozen on: Then they both went to an Alehouse to drink, and he whose head was fastened, his nose began to drop, and he going to blow his nose, his neck being thaw'd by the great fire, threw it quite into the fire; which sav'd the others life. *Probatur est.*

385.

A Gentleman being at Rome, was admitted

mitted to kiss the Popes toe ; which his man seeing , ran away with all speed, fearing he shoul kiss the Popes Arse.

386.

A Court Staff-Officer, being put out of his place , one of his Enemies meeting him, jeeringly said , I am glad my Lord to see you so well again , as to walk *without a staff.*

387.

The French said , they valued not King *James* , for they hung his Picture in their Privies ; Foh , says an Englishman , he looks so terrible to you , that when you do but look upon his Picture , *it makes you stink again.*

388.

One told his Wife that he heard for certain , that they were all counted Cuckolds in their Town but one man : Who dost think that should be ? says he : Faith, says she, *Husband, I cannot think who it is.*

389.

A Maid was to be sworn before a Paritor, and he told her if she told a lye , it would be her damnation : At which she hum'd and haw'd a great while , for she was to tell whether she was Maid, Widow or Wife But she considering of it , said , *Though*

*was I*

*was never married, yet you may write me down young woman.*

390.

A Puritan coming to a Cheesmongers to buy Cheese, when he gave him a tast, he put his hat before his eyes, to say Grace, Nay, says he, I see instead of tasting my Cheese, you intend to make a meal of it.

391.

A Lancashire man passing by the Watch at *Ludgate*, they stopt him; but he would not be stopt, for he was in halt: But arguing with them, he ask'd them who they watcht for: They said, for the King (meaning the Kings Watch) For the King? says he; Then by my troth I can bring very good witnesses, that I am no such man, for I's e'en Johnne Thump of *Lancashire*.

392.

An *Oxford* Schollar blowing of his fire, it seems the nose of the bellows dropt off: Faith says he, I see 'tis cold weather, for the nose of the bellows drops.

393.

Another Schollar having been very extravagant, and having writ to his Father to supply him with money, and used all means, but nothing would do, he very ingeniously wrote to his Father that he was dead, and desir'd

desir'd him to send him up money to pay for his burial.

394.

A Maid stood in her smock a washing of linnen, and still as she stoopt, her smock cleav'd between her buttocks: A Fryer seeing it, said, Maid take heed, for Bayard bites on the Bridle: No, says she, he doth wipe his mouth, *thinking you'll come to kiss it.*

395.

A Tenant of the Archbishop of York, came to his house at *Selby* to pay some rent, and being in the Hall, the Bishop came by and ask'd who 'twas: An't please your worships Honour, says he, I am come to bring you some Rent: Then he went into the Parlour, and they told the man, that he must say, *An't please your Grace*: But the Bishop coming out again, he was at *An't please your Worships Honour*: They told him he must say, *Grace*. Must I so? says he, then putting his hat before his eyes, he said, *The eyes of all things, &c.*

396.

A Wench was got with child, and her Mistris would know who got it: She said, No body: Says her Mistris, you Whore, do ye think any Woman can be with child without a man? Why, says she, may not I have

have a child without a man, as well as a Hen lays eggs without a Cock?

397.

Three men divided a woman in their choice: The first had Head and Face, the second had breast and belly, and the third had Buttocks and Legs; but he that had the Buttocks kist the woman at parting: At which he that had the Head and Face, grumbled: Peace, says he, *thou shalt kiss my part twenty times as much.*

398.

A Shoemaker thought to mock a Collier, being black, saying, What news from Hell? how fares the Devil? Faith, says the Collier he was just riding forth as I-came thither, and wanted nothing but a *Shoemaker* to pluck on his boots.

399.

A young Parson having been three miles off to Christen a child in *Oxfordshire*, coming home again, lost his way in the Forreth of *Whichwood*: It being a very cold and rainy night, at last he lighted upon a poor Cottage, and desired any lodging, or Hay-loft to lie in, and some fire to dry him: The man told him that his Wife and he had but one bed, and if he pleased to lie with her, so; if not, there was no other.

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So after supper, being weary with coming so far afoot, he went to bed: In the morning early, the man rose to go to *Witny* Market, and at the end of the *Forrest* met some of his Neighbours going to Market also: then he fell heartily a laughing, and was ask'd the reason: Why, says he, *to think how sham'd the Parson will be, when he wakes and finds himself abed with my wife.*

400.

A married man having got a Wench with child, was told by the Justice, that he thought such a man as he would not have defil'd his bed so: You mistake, Sir, says he, there was no defiling of the bed in the matter, *for it was done in the field.*

401.

Another man was accused for getting his Maid with child, and that he should go into his maids bed to do it: He to excuse it swore, that he never went into his Maids bed; for the bed was his own.

402.

A Lord intended to take in a great part of the Common belonging to the Town, and he agreed with a Carpenter to have it rail'd in: My Lord, says he, it shall be done, and I think I can save you some charges in the business; For, says he, do you but get  
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posts, and I doubt not but all the Neighbours round about will *find you rail enough.*

403.

An honest quiet man, ask'd his trading Wife, what was the reason that he must have his life burden'd so by her ill courtes? Pray, husband, says she, let it not trouble you, for you know that I *bear more burdens than you do every day*; and yet I am contented.

404.

One was a saying, that men are guilty of a many faults, as Drinking, Dicing, Whoring, &c. but women are guilty of but two faults in all, that is (poor souls) only naught in words, and naught in deeds.

405.

One said, the word *Wanton* was derived from those that *Want one* to satisfy their desire: If so, I think there are no Wantons; for till the world want men, they won't *want one.*

406.

One said, That they are rich that have great Incomes by the year: Then I'll swear, says one, that Great-bellied man is rich; for sure his belly had never been so big, had he not had great *Comings in.*

407.

A French Fencer that was a Papist, challenged

leng'd an English Fencer, one Mr. Church to fence with him; but this fencing Church or the Church-Militant, did so lustily reprove him, and so often knockt his Errors down, that he finding him so notably disciplin'd, resolves to turn rank Recusant, and *never to come to Church again.*

408.

An ingenious man was riding into the Countrey, and having rid four or five miles, he began to complain that his foot was sore, and that his boots hurt him; he bid his man pluck off one of his boots, which he did, and felt all about, but could not find where the hurt was: Sir, says he, here's nothing hurts you on this foot; then prethee, says he, pluck off the other boot, for I am sure *one of them hurts me.*

409.

One swore that he had travell'd so far, that he had laid his hand upon the hole where the wind came out: Puh, says the second, I have been further than that, for I have been at the furthest end of the world, and drove a nail quite thorow it: Puh, says the third, but I have been further than you both, for *I was then o'th' other side, and clencht that nail.*

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A patient man coming home from work; but it seems did not bring home to his Shrewish Wife so much money as she expected, with that she flew about his ears, and did so jole him! Good Wife says he, be quiet, for *I would willingly wear my bands without cuffs, if you please.*

411.

One that had been drinking a long time together, till he was reeling ripe, began to spew most plentifully, and still calls (as he spews) for a reckoning: Says one to him, Methinks Sir, *you that have so often cast up what you have drunk,* should know what's to pay.

412.

A Doctor being newly married to a pretty woman, and loving of her exceedingly, she had a desire to go into the Country to see her Friends, and desir'd him to ride before her on a horse, and on the way as he was riding before her, she call'd to him to kiss her; and though he was before her, yet he *kist her behind.*

413.

A young Wench having a candle in her hand, a Gallant would needs be doing with her: But she vow'd if he medled with her, *she'd*

she'd burn him: Will you, says he, come, I'll try that: With that he blew out the candle; and though there was no fire, yet *she did burn him.*

414.

One being to ride a great Journey, and it was very wet weather, he over-night desired his Friend to tell him how he might ride dry in his boots: Yes, says he, I know a way; that is, eat in the morning before you go out three pickled Herrings, and don't you drink all the day after; and if you don't ride dry in your boots, I'll be hang'd.

415.

A Gentleman being newly trim'd, it seems his beard below the lip was shav'd off, only some left above: Says a Gentlewoman innocently to him, Sir, you have a beard above, and none below: And you, says he, have a beard below, and none above: Say you so? says she; why then *clap one against t'other.*

416.

A pretty Countrey Maid coming to Oxford Market, and riding into an Inn there, she, as she used to do, being nimble, leapt off, but the pummel being high, catcht hold of her petticoat, and shew'd almost all she had: Says a Schollar to her, Sweetheart, you have

a very clear skin: Says she, *Do you like the sight on't so well? Why did you not come and kiss it, to take your leave on't? for you are never like to see it again.*

417.

A Knight was made Master of Arts in Cambridge, but it seems he was sufficiently drunk that night: The King ask'd him how he profited since he had his degree? He said, He had gained so much Latine, that he had not one English word to bring him to bed.

418.

Two were disputing which was the noblest part of the body, one said the mouth, because it was saluted first, t'other the breech, because it sate down first. At the next meeting, he that held for the mouth, saluted him with a fart, at which he seemed angry: Why, says he, that part you hold most noble, and so *I salute you with it.*

419.

In paying of a great Subsidy, the rich would not, the poor could not, so the middle sort paid for all: Thus *deux ace non p'ssunt, & s'se-cinque solvere nolunt; igitur n. tum cater-trey solvere totum.*

420.

One being in a Belfry a lousing himself, by chance let fall a great Louse, which light-  
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ed on one of the Bell-ropes, and by catching still to save himself, his great weight still tol'd the Bell, *and this is of a certain-ly.*

421.

A Citizen having married a Cockney, and he taking her with him into the Countrey to see his Friends, as they were riding spyed a Willow tree, on which abundance of Wants or Moles were hung: O dear, says she, Husband, look what a fine Tree here is; I never knew how they grew till now; for it is a Black-Pudding tree.

422.

Socrates was ask'd, why he endured so many brawlings by his Wife? Says he, Why do you suffer so much gagling with your Geese? Because they lay us eggs. Well, says he, and I my wife, because she bears me children.

423.

A Nobleman grown fat after marriage, but being extreme lean before, made all that knew him for to wonder: Puh, says one, 'tis not to be wondred at; for take any beast from the Commons, and put him into the Several, and he'll wax fat.

424.

A poor man desir'd a courtesie of a very rich, but covetous and miserly man: Yes, says he, you shall hav't, if you can perswade me

me to it : Why faith, says he, if I were able to perswade you to any thing, *it should be to hang your self.*

425.

A Gentleman was all in mourning for his Father, which died a month before; and as he was riding before some Ladies, his horse having a crimson Velvet cloth on, with a rich Saddle, the Ladies ask'd him, Why that was not black too? O, says he, the father of my horse is not dead yet.

426.

One at confession told his Ghostly Father, that his chifest sin was, that the last *Lent* he threw into the Jakes a good Gammon of Bacon, which a Friend sent him, which he durst not eat being *Lent*-time : The Fryar told him he did ill, he should rather have given it to the poor, or eat it himself. Truly Father, says he, I thought so; for I first eat it, and then sent it into the Jakes.

427.

A skilful Painter drew the Pictures of *Peter* and *Paul*, but two Cardinals told him their faces were too high-colour'd : Yes, says he, I painted them so purposely, as they are now in Heaven, blushing to see the Church so ill governed.

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A Traveller in a cold night coming to the Kitchen fire, it seems stood so near, that he burnt his boots; which the Turnspit boy seen, said, Sir, you'll burn your spurs presently, My boots, thou meanest, boy: No Sir: says he, they are burnt already.

429.

One having stolen a Watch, The Constable was sent after him, but mist him: At last being taken by others for a suspicious person, as they were examining of him, the Watch struck in his pocket: *A pox of this luck,* says he, *to scape the Constable, and be brought in by the Watch.*

430.

One said, I hear your wife is quick already: Yes, says he, a pox on her, she is very nimble; for I have been married to her but a month, and she is ready to lie down.

431.

A Coblers Wife speaking of a street where-  
in she lived before, her Apprentice mum-  
bling, said, There was none but Whores  
and Bawds lived there: What is that you  
say Sirrah? says she: I say, says he, There is  
*honester women than thy self lives there.*

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A Gentleman came under his Mistris's window with his Lute, and all the while he was playing, she bid her servants throw stones at him: which he thought a great grace to him; for like *Orpheus*, the stones danced after his musick.

433.

A young Gentleman being to borrow money privately, and hearing the Bond run, *Be it known unto all men*; Hey days, says he, if all men must know it, then am I sure it will come to my Fathers ear; therefore I'll have no such Bond drawn; nay you deserve to be cut for drawing such Bonds.

434.

An old Doctor of Physick had a man that had been long with him: His Master being dead, he got all the Receits he could find, and resolved to turn Physician; for his Master had told him in his life time, that whensoever he went to any sick person, he should search about the room to see what bones he could find, and then tell them they got their sickness by eating such things. And being sent for to a sick man, he looked narrowly about the room, and could see no bones, but looking under the bed he saw an old saddle; then he discreetly and honestly told

old him, his sickness came by eating a horse.  
At which the sickman laugh'd so heartily,  
that his Imposthume broke, and he recover'd,  
which made him famous abroad for curing the man.

435.

One look'd after a Bishoprick in King James his days, and he told the King 'twas fam'd abroad that he should be Bishop of Ely: Says the King, Doctor, you know what fame is, for *fama est mendax*, and I'll assure you Doctor, you shall find it so.

436.

Some women resolv'd to abuse two Fryars; for they laid a Hog under the table, and said 'twas the womans dead Husband, and they were to sing a Dirge for his soul; and during the Service, the Women titter'd and laugh'd: Which one of the Fryars spying, whilst they went into the next room to laugh out, the Fryars took up the cloth, saw the Hog, and that they were abused, took him up and carried him quite away, which the women seeing, called after them; but they said, *It was a Brother of theirs and must be buried in their Convent.*

437.

A Country Fellow coming to London with his nail'd shoes, the Apprentices chid

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him, and told him he broke the streets with his nail'd shooes : Then he put them off, carried them in his hand, till he saw people laugh at him, and then he put them on again.

438.

A great eater having a lusty piece of roast-Beef set before him, he began to cut sometimes at one end, and sometimes at th'other: The Woman desired him to cut it handsomely, and in one place: Peace, says he: It is no matter at which end I begin, for I intend to make an end of it all before I go.

439.

Two Gentlemen in a pair of Oars; one of them being affronted by the Watermen, Sirrah says the other Gentleman, hold your prating, or else I'll knock your head and the wall together.

440.

A Courtier thinking to abuse a Countrey Fellow, said, You fellow with the Copper-nose: Faith, says'tother, I will not change my Copper Nose for your Brazen Face.

441.

A Youth at Padua in Italy, had a piece of money given him to go to a whore, and as he was going his Grandmother met him, and he told her what money he had, and for

for what use; Come, says she, give me your money, and you shall lie with me: Which he did; and coming home, his Father ask'd whether he had been with a Courtezan or not: He said, No, he gave the money to his Grandmother, as she desired, and then, says he, I lay with her: How, you Rogue, says his Father, What! did you lie with my Mother? Yes, says he; *For why should not I lie with your Mother, as well as you lie with mine?*

442.

In *March* last, an Elder Brother, and unmarried, was accidentally kill'd by his horse: which the second brother hearing, immediately came and imbrac'd the horse, and the ancient Motto of the Family; which was, *Be thrifty with little* which the young Gentleman having a woful experience of in his elder Brother days, he presently changed into *Cra-mercy Horse*; and after that would never suffer the horse to be rid, but gave him good allowance.

443.

One Mr. *Summers* was so great a Drinker, that there went a common Proverb of him, that he had a great Swallow: Then a Gentleman said, one Swallow doth not make a

Summer: But says another, *One Summer makes a great many Swallows.*

444.

Two men living in a Brew-house in Oxfordshire together, the one the Fireman, and the other the Brewer: They two exchange'd horses together, the Brewers was broken-winded, and the Firemans was founde'd: Says the Brewer to him, when thou mak'st thy fires, thou need'st not have any Bel-lows; *for my broken-winded horse will afford you wind enough:* Then the Fireman told him, Do not by any Hops to put in your Beer; *for my founde'd Jade, says he, will afford you Hops enough every day when you use him.*

445.

A Gentleman in London was informed, that his Father was dead in the Countrey, at which he was very much sad and disconsolate, not knowing (as he said) how he had disposed of his estate: To whom one of his acquaintance replyed, *Why chear up your heart man; If he hath left you a good Estate, you have small cause to grieve; and if he hath given you nothing, Who would grieve for such a Father?*

446.

One that had gotten a damnable Shrew  
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to his Wife, being perpetually plagued with her scolding, wished that she were in Heaven: To which she in great rage replied, *that she had rather see him bang'd.*

447.

*Hugh Peters* preaching once, having but a small auditory ( though most commonly he used to be very much thronged ) a Country fellow was going out of the Church, to whom he called, desiring him to stay, and he would tell him a story: Which being done, Now said he to the Fellow, do not you deserve to be soundly punisht, *that would not stay to hear the word of God, but with all diligence and attention will lend your ears to a tale.*

448.

A Fellow was blaming his Sweetheart, telling her he heard she was false to him with another man: She to clear her self, used many imprecations, bidding him, if it were so, to mark her end; *Nay for that* ( said he ) *I shall not so much mark your end, as I shall mark your middle.*

449.

A Fellow walking along the Ruines of the City of *London*, seeing how fast people were a building: Marry ( said he ) *I see already here is a great many houses up and down.*

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A Poet walking over *Lincoln-Inn* fields, one who pretended himself a maimed Soldier, begged an Alms of him: The Poet ask'd him, by what authority he went so a begging? Sir, said the Souldier, I have a Licence: A Licence? said the Poet; *Lice I conceive thou maist have, but sense thou hast none, to beg money of a Poet.*

451.

It is said of a Frenchman, that he writes not as he pronounceth, speaketh not what he thinketh, nor singeth what he pricketh.

452.

One said that a horse was altogether unlike a Poet; for a Horse paid nothing for his drink, and a Poet *paid for nothing else but drink.*

453.

*Hugh Peters* in his antick preaching, took occasion to reprehend the modish Gallants of those times, saying, Beloved, the Apparel which men now wear, makes them seem like Apes in their short breeches: And the Gentlewomen forsooth, must have their Gowns hang dagling half a yard upon the ground to draw after them; a very unseemly sight. Now to rectifie this disorder, *You*  
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women must take your Coats, and you men must let down your Breeches: Yet do not mistake me, I mean you women must make your Coats shorter, and you men your Breeches longer.

454.

Another time he would preach in a Corporation, where he found some little opposition by the Mayor: But at last by the intercession of some zealous Women, he was admitted; where to be eaven with the Mayor, in his Prayer (after he had made Intercession for *Oliver*, and some other of his Patrons) he proceeded to the Mayor (who by Trade was a Butcher) in these words: Lord, thou hast likewise commanded us to pray for our enemies: Herein we beseech thee for the Right Worshipful the Mayor and his Brethren: Grant that he may knock down sin, like an Ox; and quarter iniquity, like a fatted Calf; and that his horn may be exalted above his Brethren.

455.

One Mr. Steel walking with a Friend by a Rivers side, chanced to slip in, which was so deep, that had he not had skill in swimming, he might have been drowned: His Friend all this while stood on the bank laughing, as if he would have burst, not offering in the least to help him out: When

he recovered the shore, he ask'd his Friend the cause of his excessive laughter? Marry, said he, *I think it would make any man to laugh to see steel swim.*

456.

Another whose name was *Herring*, dropping by like accident into a River, desired one that stood on the bank, to lend him his hand for the helping him out: O no, said he, by no means, *for the water is the Herrings proper Element.*

457.

One who was deep in debt, and forced to keep within all day for fear of Serjeants and Bailiffs, would yet at night adventure abroad in some back Lanes and Alleys. Passing one night through the Butchers Shambles, going in hast, one of the Tenter-hooks catcht hold of his Cloak: He thinking it had been a Serjeant which had thus shoulder-clapt him, looking back, said, *At whose suit I pray you?*

458.

A Constable carrying a big-bellied Wench before a Justice of the Peace, told him, *An't please your Worship, I have here brought you a Maid with Child.* The Wench turning herself to him at those words, called him Fool and Knave: Being reproved for those words

words by the Justice, she told him that he must needs be one of them; for, said she, *If I am a maid, he is a Fool to think I can be with Child; and, if I am not with Child, he is a Knave for saying so.*

459.

One who had been a great Traveller in France; upon his return was ask'd by a Friend, what he thought of the men of that Countrey? to which he replied, They of Berry, are Leacers; they of Tourain, Thieves; they of Languedock, Traytors; they of Provence, Atheists; they of Rheims, Superstitious; they of Normandy, insolent; and, they of Picardy, proud:

460.

One seeing a young handsome Wench beating hemp in Bridewel, said it was very ominous; for the same hemp she beat there, might one day come to choak her at Tyburn.

461.

A Zealot and his Wife having been to hear one of their Teachers preach a Sermon, who spent most part of his time in railing against the Pope of Rome, calling him the *Whore of Babylon*: Upon their return homewards, the woman great with child, to speak opened her mouth and said to her husband, *Indeed, indeed Husband (quoth she) this*

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*Whore of Babylon is a very naughty woman.*

462.

A bucksome young Woman, who was high fed, and full of blood, having newly din'd in the heat of Summer, desir'd her Husband to tumble with her upon the bed : He perceiving her meaning, and being as full of ice as she was of fire, told her that the *Dog-days* were very unwholsome for the sports or *Venus*. At night being in bed together, she desir'd her Husband to lie more close ; *For though (said she ) there be Dog-days, yet I never beard of any Dog-Nights.*

463.

One Dr. B. having newly married a Wife, was very kind to her ; and carrying her one day down into the Country, as they rid along, he would oftentimes turn his face backwards and take a salute of her cherry lips ; which occasioned one to write this Epigram upon him.

*The Doctor to avoid all further strife,  
Riding before, turn'd back to kiss his Wife :  
And was not the Doctor then wondrous kind,  
Riding before, to kiss his Wife behind ?*

464.

One who had been a Traveller through  
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the principal Cities of *Italy*, was at his return asked, What was his opinion of them To which he answered, that *Rome* was the chief for religion; *Naples*, for Nobility; *Millain*, for Beauty; *Genoa*, for stateliness; *Florence*, for Policy; and *Venice* for Riches.

465.

When the rude Rout in *Easter* Holidays, took upon them the pulling down of Bawdy houses, and under pretence of punishing lust, to commit theft; A Countrey fellow seeing their tumultuous proceedings, said, Alas, if they proceed on in this course they have begun, *What houses will be left standing either in City or Country?*

466.

A Maid was saying, that if ever she married, she would match her self to the neatest person that she could find: To whom one said, then a Barber was fittest for her; for *he is so neat, that he cannot indure a hair a miss.*

467.

One speaking of Vintners, said, That if they drew him good wine for money or credit, then they were fitter to draw than to hang, but if they drew him bad wine for good money,

mony, then they were fitter to hang than to draw.  
468.

One being desired to eat some Oysters, refused saying, they were ungodly meat, unchristianly meat, uncharitable meat, and unprofitable meat: And being demanded his reason why he said it; he answered, They were ungodly meat, because they were eaten without saying of Grace; unchristianly meat, because the Creature was eaten alive; uncharitable meat, because they left no offal to the poor; and unprofitable meat, because most commonly there was more spent upon them than the Oysters cost.

469.

*Hugh Peters* preaching on that Text, *Matth. 8.* concerning the Devils entring into the Herd of Swine; he used these words, Beloved, my Text divides its self into three parts, and those three parts fitly correspond with three old English Proverbs; First, *The Devils besought him, saying if thou cast us out, suffer us to go into the herd of Swine:* By which condescension to go from men to Beasts, he verifies that Proverb, *The Devil will play at small game, rather than stand out.* Secondly, *And when they were gone out, they entered into the herd of Swine:* Which makes good that other English Proverb, *They must needs*

reeds go that the Devil drives. Thirdly, And behold the whole herd of Swine ran violently down a steep place into the Sea, and perished in the waters: Which is very suitable to our third Proverb, *That the Devil hath brought his Hgs to a fair Marke.*

47<sup>c</sup>.

During the late time of Rebellion, when the City of London had works cast about it; one said the City would be much stronger, if the *Thames* run on the North side thereof: To which one made answer, that might easily be done, *It was but removing the City to the Southside of the Thames.*

47<sup>i</sup>.

A Countrey-man having been at London, upon his return, was asked by one of his she-neighbours, what news he heard there: Who told her all the news that he heard was only, that there was a great press out for Cuckolds: Is there so? said she: Then to avoid the worst, *my Husband shall not stir out of doors until the press be over.*

47<sup>2</sup>.

A decay'd Gentleman wanting means to live on, went to visit an old acquaintance of his, and stay'd with him six or seven days; in which space of time the man began to be weary of his company: And to be rid of

of him feigned a falling out with his wife, by which means a little victuals was provided for meals. The Gentleman perceiving their drift but knowing not whither to go to better himself: He told them, he had been there seven days, and seen no falling out betwixt them before; *and he was resolved to stay fourteen days longer, but he would see them Friends again.*

473.

Now when *Parnel* heard by *Dorcas*: that *Tabitha* was brought to bed of a Daughter; *Lucy* ran presently to *Amy's*, and told *Abigail*, that *Mildred* and *Ursula* should be Gossips: *Sarah* hearing this, told *Dorothy*, that *Jane* should say, that *Lettice* should say, that *Deborah* should say, that *Winnifred* would do the thing she wotted of. Now *Margery* and *Kate* were prating of *Susan*, and let the drink die in the pot; whereupon *Hannah* took the cup, and drank a hearty draught to *Jillian*, which was pledged by *Jane* and *Mary*. *Beatrice* taking snuff that she was not drunk to by *Nan*, called for a fresh pot, & drank a hearty draught to *Lydia*, which was seconded by *Alice* and *Barbara*. Now *Betty* and *Andrey* were gotten in a corner together, and though they said little, they tickled it with thinking:

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*Jone* had gotten a Jug by the ear, and for want of a cup drank by word of mouth to *Margaret*; whilest *Thomazin* sat fretting with *Dinah*, that there was not Sugar enough put in their Beer: *Esther* said, she would make a Holiday of it, the like said *Prue* and *Agnes*; whereupon *Dennis*, *Edy*, *Blanch*, *Charity*, *Frances*, and *Grizel* cry'd altogether, *Agreed*, *agreed*: But stay, quoth *Judith*, do nothing rashly, let's drink first; and here Sister *Temperance*, here's to you: I'll pledge it, quoth *Sibel*; Do then, quoth *Milliscent*, God a mercy, quoth *Florence*: Round about with it, quoth *Damaris*: Off with it, quoth *Maudlin*; *Supernaculum*, said *Ellin*. So having drunk off their tipples, they all departed to their Several homes.

474.

A Bawd keeping too open Trade, was carried before a Justice of Peace; against whom were many accusations, but the chief was that she kept a Bawdy-House, which nevertheless she confidently denied; whereupon the Justice in a great Huff, said, *Housewife, will you deny it? You do keep a Bawdy-House, and I'll maintain it. I thank your Worship* (said the old Fornicatrix) *for your kind promise to me; for indeed I have very great need of such Supporters.*

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One was speaking of the great disadvantage that women have, who are under *Covert Baron*, in that they can make no *Will*: Marry, said one, it were better for their Husbands they had the priviledge to make a *Will* when they die, than to usurp a Prerogative of having their *Will* all the days of their lives.

476.

A Countrey-man passing by *St. Pauls Church*, at such time as it was turn'd from a House of prayer, to be a Den of Thieves; I mean, an unsanctified Guard of Souldiers: He seeing what manner of Cattle inhabited it, asked a Shopkeeper hard by, If that place were *Noahs ark*? being asked the reason of his demand, *Because* (said he) *I see so many unclean beasts therein.*

477.

Another going by *S. Pauls Church*, was saying, that it was like to a Trunk with a Hat-case upon it: Nay, said another, I'll tell you what it is most like; and that is, that if it be not speedily repaired, *it is like to fall.*

478.

A light-heel'd Housewife whose name was *Net*, having married a Husband, Cuckolded him.

him, and buried him: At her death one made these verses on her.

Not a *maid*, Not a *Wife*, Not a *Widdow*,  
Not a *Whore*,  
*She was Not these, and yet she was all*  
*four.*

479.

A man having his breeches torn betwixt the legs, his testicles hung out; which being espied by a young Lais, she ask'd what it was? who told her it was his purse: Your purse? (said she) if that be your purse, then I'm sure my purse is cut.

480.

Scoggin had a Wife who was a Woman of a good haughty stomach, and knowing her Husband pretty well to live in the World, she took state upon her, and would needs have her Husband allow her a man to go before her to Church. Why, said Scoggin, do you not know the way thither? So one Sunday morning he got up betimes, and taking a piece of chalk, made a stroke all along the way from his house to the Church, and then told his Wife, if she did but follow the chalk, it would bring her the right way way to the Church-door; so that she should  
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not need to have a man go with her to shew her the way.

481.

Scoggin being in France, took upon him to be a Priest, and had a number of people come to him to be confessed; one whereof was a Shepherd, whom Scoggin ask'd if he had kept the Commandments: The Shepherd said, No; What hast thou kept then? said Scoggin: Why, said the Shepherd, I never kept any thing but sheep in all my life.

482.

Another who came to him to be confessed, told him that he had stolen a halter: Well, said Scoggin, to steal a halter is no great matter: But said the Fellow, there was a horse tied at the end of it. I marry, quoth Scoggin, there is something in that; there is difference between a Horse and a Halter: You must therefore restore the owner the Horse, and when you have done that, come to me, and I'll absolve you for the Halter.

483.

One was so impatient of becoming a married man, that he would not stay till morning, but would needs be married in the night: One who knew his Wife very well, said,

said, he should not need day to do it, *for his Wife was light.*

484.

One was telling a man, that he wondred how his father, being so old a man as he was could walk as he did, four or five miles every morning : O Sir (said the Son) that is nothing, *'tis as natural to him as milk to a Calf.*

485.

When *Lockier* was shot to death, at such time as Rebellion was Triumphant, one of the Souldiers brought the news thereof down to *Saffron-Walden*; who telling it to one of the Townsmen that was a Cavalier, and had served the King at *Colchester*; he seeming as if he were sorry for the same, said, Alack poor man, is he shot to death? Truly, *I had rather the whole Army had been shot to death than he.*

486.

One having borrowed a sum of money, and failing to pay it at the appointed time; his Creditor meeting him, began to chide him, because he kept not his day: O Sir: said he, pray excuse me, *I am not so superstitious, to be a strict observer of set days.*

487.

One who was about to marry a Wife of  
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lewd conditions, was dissuaded by his Friend, saying, that she was a Whore, a Slut, and a Scold: To which he answered, That it was better to have a bad Wife than a good one; *because she brings repentance, and puts one in mind of Hell.*

488.

A Schollar of Cambridge riding a journey, desir'd of his Host at night that he might be made much of, for he was a man of reckoning: Being to depart the next morning, they brought him in Twelve shillings to pay for himself and his horse: At which he grumbling, the Host told him he did according to his desire, he made as much of him as he could; nor could he say, but by his Bill he was *a man of reckoning.*

489.

One seeing a Drawer Drunk, said, that the Wine then was eaven with him; *for he had pierced the Wines Hogshead, and the Wine had pierced his.*

490.

A rich Farmer, who had a handsome Woman to his Wife, when he had lent any thing, as, Horse, Cart, Wheel-Barrow, &c. would alwaies tell the party, he would not do it to any one but you. His Wife hearing him always in this tale, stand-  
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ing behind his back, forks her fingers, and holding them over his head, says, No indeed, *I would not do this courtesie to any but you.*

491.

A Woman going to the burying of her fifth Husband, one was reckoning upon his fingers how many she had; and beginning with his little finger, at last came to his thumb, saying, *She had made a hand of them all.*

492.

One was saying, that there was nothing which he could imagine, that was more valiant than the Collar of a Millers shirt: And being ask'd what reason he had to think so: He replyed, *Because that every morning it had a Thief by the neck.*

493.

One said, That there was no men which loved and confided in their Countrey so much as Thieves; because they durst put themselves upon it, *although they were hang'd for it.*

494.

One owing money, was by his Creditor arrested and clapt into prison; of which he complained very sorely, saying, *That he had trouble enough to borrow the money,*

ney, and had not need to be troubled to pay it.

495.

One call'd a man Ox in the presence of his Wife; at which he seemed to be angry. Whereupon one of her Neighbours said to the other, *Why do you call the man Ox, when all the whole Parish knows he is an Ass.*

496.

One spying a Lawyer riding upon a Dun Horse; Look yonder, says he, *is the Devil upon Dun.*

497.

One who was but poor in Cloaths, but of a haughty mind, was boasting of his Gentility, and from what a Noble House he was descended; which one over-hearing, and being wearied with his babbling, said, *What a noise is here with your Gentility and Nobility? When I can make it appear our Millers Horse is the better Gentleman of two; for you shall never see him go abroad without a man to wait upon him.*

498.

A Lawyer being very sick was moved to make his will, which he accordingly did, giving away all his estate to Lunatick, Frantick

tick and Mad people : And being demanded his reason why he did so ; He answered, *That from such he had it , and to such he would give it again.*

499.

One Randal T. having gotten a great Estate by keeping of an Ale-house ; afterwards falling into the Company of Whores, he spent it all upon them ; whereupon one made these Verses of him,

*Stout Randal proves a man of double means,*

*First rais'd by Drunkards, then undone by Quans.*

500.

One who loved himself better than his Wife, used to make her go to bed first in the Winter-time, to warm the same untill he came ; then he would make her remove, and lie in her place : and for this cause he used commonly to call her *his Warming-pan*. She vexed hereat, resolved to fit him ; and accordingly one night, when he was ready to come, she ( Sir-reverence ) shit in his place : He going to bed, and smelling what was done ; Wife, said he, I think the bed is beshit : No Husband, said she, it is only a coal

*a Coal dropt out of your warming pan.*

501.

A Farmer being for his means made a Knight, and his Wife thereupon growing very fine: One said, That his Worship was very much in fault, in spoiling a *Good-wife* to make a *Mad-dame*.

502.

One said that marrying of Widows was like to buying of Cloaths in *Long-lane*; one Coat was not fit, another suit was too old: One Widdow was crabbed, another wrinkled; one poor, another too old; there was not one of them but had a great many faults. —

503.

King *James* keeping his Court at *Theobalds*, in a time of some contagion, divers Constables with their Watchmen were set at several places, to hinder the concourse of people from flocking thither, without some necessary occasion: Amongst others, one Gentleman (being somewhat in the Garb of a Serving man) was examined what Lord he belonged unto? To which he readily replied, *To the Lord Jehovah*; which words being beyond the Constables understanding, he asked his Watchmen if they knew any such Lord? They replied, No:

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However the Constable being unwilling to give distast, said, Well, let him pass notwithstanding, *I believe it is some Scottish Lord or other.*

504.

A Pretender to Poetry was telling his Friend of verses which he made as he was riding betwixt *Barnet and London* on a lame Jade: Truly, said the other, you should not need to have told me that; *for I know by your Verses what disease your Horse was troubled with.*

505.

One said, That Watermen might very well be taken for great Politicians, because they rowed one way, and looked another; and that Sailers differ'd extreamly from all other Tradesmen, because they are best pleased when they go most down the wind.

506.

A Woman desir'd of her Husband some money to buy her a broad silver and gold lace to lay on her Petticoat: To which he replied, No: For (said he) once make you a *Gold-Finch*, and you will prove a *Wag-tail* all your life after.

507.

Sir *Thomas Gardener* being chosen Recorder of *London*; One said, That Office

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was the most fitting for him of all others,  
no place in the Kingdom being more fuller of  
weeds.

508.

Some Countrey fellows being in a hot  
dispute concerning Learning; and what a  
hard crooked thing it was to attain to the  
Latine Tongue: Truly, says one, so I believe  
it is; for I have heard it spoken, that your  
best Latine is in *Crooked-lane*.

509.

A Countrey fellow prest in the late wars  
having been at a fight, and being ask'd what  
exploits he had done there? he said, *that he*  
*had cut off one of the Enemies legs*: And being  
told, that it had been more manly if he had  
cut off his head; O (said he) *you must know*  
*that his head was off before*.

510.

One said that the King of *Spain* was the  
greatest Potentate of the whole world; for  
he *Sacks* more Cities and Countries than all  
Princes whatever besides.

*We from Spains Monarch, as all Merchants*  
*know,*

*Have our Canary and stout Malligo:*  
*Thus doth he Sack each City, Town and*  
*Village,*

*For which the Vintners do our purses pil-  
lage.*

## 511.

A Knight of *Surrey* having wasted a great Estate at Court, and bringing himself to one Park, and a fine house in it, was yet ambitious to entertain the Queen at it; and to that purpose had new painted his Gates with a Coat of Arms and Motto written thus, *OIA VANITAS* in great Golden Letters: the Lord *Cecil* offering to read it, desired to know of the Knight what he meant by *OIA*? who told him it stood for *Omnia*. To which *Cecil* replied, *Sir, I wonder having made your Omnia so little, you should notwithstanding make your Vanitas so large.*

## 512.

A Serjeant at Law who had a crooked back, pleading before a Judge; and often saying, *If you find any fault in me correct it:* The Judge answered, *I can but admonish thee, I cannot make thee straight.*

## 513.

One passing by a Fellow that was deformed, he in derision began to praise his arms, legs, face and other parts of his body; which the Fellow well perceiving, and knowing himself abused, said, that he had

one property more which the other had taken no notice of: And being demanded what it was? Looking over his shoulder upon the other, he said, *This Sir is my property, I have a wall-eye in my head, with which I never look over my shoulder but I spy a knave.*

514.

One having let a Farm by word of mouth to a Tenant who much abused the same, in felling the Wood, cropping the Ground, and the like, as being Tenant at will: The Landlord seeing the same, vowed he would never after that let any thing again without a writing: Which his Wife over-hearing, Good Husband, said she, recal your words again, or else you must have a writing made to let a fart.

515.

A discreet Gentleman having accidentally been in a croud, and gotten a broken pate: One seeing it, said, *This was a very discreet staid Gentleman before, and now he hath gotten a running head.*

516.

One ask'd the reason why there was not an order taken with the Boat-men for bawling so loud at *Westminster* in the Term time: Alas, said another, *The Lawyers are used to bawling.*

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A pretty Wench but light heel'd, coming out of the Countrey, in her Canvas-smock, and Linsey-wolsey-petticoats; having lived a while in *London*, was seen in her Cambrick, her Silk, and Satins, and being demanded by one of her Countrey-women, how such things might be purchased? *Faith* (said she) *only for taking up.*

518.

Mr. *Johnson* (our famous English Poet) as he was coming down stairs in a Tavern, his foot slipt; so that he fell down three or four steps, and accidentally beat against a door which flew open, some Gentlemen being drinking then in the room, to whom he said, *I did not intend to do so, but being so accidentally fallen into your company I am resolved to drink with you before I go.* One of the Gentlemen that knew him, replied streight, *Since by your fall we enjoy your Society, give me leave to rise to bid you welcome.*

519.

Mr. *Philemon Holland* translated a great many Books; as *Plutarch*, *Pliny*, *Livie*, *Cambden*, &c. At length he published the History of *Suetonius Tranquillus* in English: Whereupon one writ this Distich.

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*Philemon with Translations doth so fill us,  
He will not let Suetonius be Tranquillus.*

520.

One Mingo a Physician used to salute every one he met withal with these words, *I am very glad to see you well*; One whom he thus greeted, told him he thought he lyed; *for the world went Ill with him, when people were well.*

521.

An old Mass-Priest in the days of King Henry VIII. reading in English, after the Translation of the Bible, the miracle of the five loaves and two fishes: *when the number of the guests,* he paused a while, and at last said, *they were about Five hundred*: The Clerk hearing him to be out in the Computation, whispered him in the ear, and told him, it was five thousand: *Hold your tongue Sirrah* (said the Priest) *we shall never make them believe they were Five thousand.*

522.

One held a Paradox, That wise men were the greatest lyers; For (said he) the Proverb tells us, *that Children and Fools tell truth.*

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A Knight in *Oxfordshire* that had three Sons, and having not Estate enough to settle upon the youngest, he told him he must needs bind him Apprentice, and bid him make choice of his Trade, the boy being of a smart and ingenious temper told him that he would be a Tanner, puh says his father, that's a nasty Trade, yes says he, but 'tis the most convenient Trade for me of any, you have but little to give me, and three Hides will set me up, what Hides are those says the Father, Sir says he, *yours and my two elder Brothers.*

524.

A great and lusty Fellow, being sent out of the Country to London in great haste came up by post, and being weary when he came to Town, he was forc't to go to *White-Hall* from the Inn in *Covent-Garden* presently, then he ask'd what was most easie for him to go thither in, they told him a Sedan: and being entered, after he had gone a little way what, with his weight and length, the bottom of the Sedan fell out, and so he march'd a foot-back down all the way, and being come to *White-Hall* he ask'd the men what that was he came down in, they told him 'twas a Sedan, truly, says he, but for

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the name of a Sedan I had as good a gone a foot I'll assure you.

525.

A Gentleman came into a room, where several were drinking together, and they were all drunk but one man, who it seems was only sober, and all the rest did nothing but quarrel and fight in the room: then the Gentleman ask'd whether there was not one more among them, Sir says he, there is only one wise man, and no more among them.

526.

A Fellow desired two Friends of his to go with him to a Haberdashers to help him buy a hat, and when he came into the Shop, they shew'd him it seems several hats, and he liking one of them took it in his hand, and look'd well upon't, well says he, what will you have for this hat in my hand *unsight* and *unseen*.

527.

A man came to a Painter, and desir'd him to paint him a Bear for his sign, the Painter advis'd him to have a Gold Chain on the neck, he told him no, for he would not go to the charge, then he drew the Bear in colours, not laid in oil, and the first rain wash'd the Bear quite away, hey day, says the man, my Bear's gone, why yes, says the Painter,

ter, did not I advise you to have a chain about the neck, and then you may be certain your Bear could never agone away, why says he, 'tis the rain hath wash'd away my Bear? why yes, says the Painter, and if you had had a chain 'twould havd rein'd him in, that he could not have gone away.

528.

A Fellow passing *Ludgate* at night, the Constable ask'd him whither he was going, he said, he could not tell, the Constable was sending him to the Counter. Why look you says the Fellow did not I tell you I could not tell you whither I was going, for did I know you'd send me to the Counter, for which conceit he was releas'd.

529.

A man took his child in his arms, and told his Wife 'twas none of his begetting: Why, says she, if a Friend should help you to a good estate of none of your getting, What reason had you to be angry? Well says he, but I believe 'tis a bastard for all that; Husband says she, how strangely you talk, for *how can it be a bastard when the Father got it*: that's true indeed now C'ham-zartified.

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A tradesman's boy that was his Apprentice, when his master went abroad, lay idling all day long and would do nothing : upon which, the foreman told him if he workt not he would acquaint his master with it when he came home ; and at night when the Master came home he fell on his knees, and askt him forgiveness: why, says he, what have you done? Why, Truly Sir, says he, nothing at all : and after 3 or 4 times reiteration, he pardoned him : presently after in comes the foreman and tells him of his Idleness; nay then Sirrah, says he, I will not be in your debt, for I protest I'll give you something : what, says he, something for nothing : Truly, I don't deserve it for my days work, but Sir, says he, since you will give me something, I pray pay me in vowels then: *viz, i o u* and if I never ask you for it, pray don't trouble your self for the payment of it.

531.

A Fellow that kept an Inne to entertain theevs and what they had stolen laid it up for them, and always had his share : but at last his house being mistrusted 'twas searcht, and he found to be an abettor though not a robber, and still he followed them for his part : so he and his two complices were both condemned.

condemned, and as they were going all three to the Gallows, the two thieves went before with a Courage but he came dragling after, which one of the Theeves seeing laught heartily at it, and being askt his reason by the Sherrieff, told him, that he could not chuse but laugh to see that Fellow follow them for his part.

532.

A Jackanapes being brought out of *Essex* into *Kent*, a simple Kentish countrey woman askt what Countrey man he was, she was told an *Essex* man because he lookt like a Calf, and had four legs as a Calf has, but she told him she thought t'was a *Kentish* Long-taile, in regard of his long tail; truly say they, and it may be so; and from thence comes the o'd proverb of *Kentish* Longtailes.

533.

A Knight in *Warwickshire*, that was very hospitable, especially at *Christmass*; when he always invited all his Tenants to dinner, which said Knight had always a Jackanapes tyed at the Parler door, and as the countrey women came in, he would snatch at their petticoats and then grin in their faces: which a discreet woman observing, askt what it was; t'was told her he was a Jackanapes: with that as she came by the Parler door, she makes  
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him a great Courtesy, and says, By'rleave good Master Jan, an, apes, with that he pluckt and grin'd at her more than all the rest, he he, says she, you don't do well truly Sir to grin and jear at an honest Woman, whose husband has paid Scott and lott in the parish this twenty years, and I am sure *I am old enough to be your Mother*, Indeed you are to blame.

534.

A Quaker came into the Court to speak with the King and was marching through the presence and privy chambers with his hat on, insomuch that some of the Kings servants would have pluckt off his hatt, but the King bid 'em let him alone, and when he came to the King he was telling him a long story : a little after the King upon some occasion put off his hat : nay, says the Quaker, O King, thou mayest be covered if thou wilt : well, say the King, *if I give you your liberty, I hope you'll allow me mine.*

535.

Some Gentlemen were riding into the Countrey to be merry, and coming near a Countrey Town, they saw a Cuckingstool, and an old woman near it a spinning : come says one of them you shall see how I'll abuse this Old woman, good woman says he, what was that chair made for, she told him he knew.

knew well enough what it was : no says he, I do not know, unless it be the chair you use to spin in : O he says she, you must needs know it, for 'tis a *Cradle your good Mother has often layn in.*

536.

A man that was tryed at *Oxford* for having five wives at one time, and 4 of them were prov'd to be lawfully married to him : then the Judge askt him why he married so many, truly my Lord say he 'twas only to make try-all, among so many to find one good one, with whom I might spend the rest of my life, truly, says he, I am certain you'l find none such in this life, and therefore I shall take the care for you that you may go seek her in another, and so condemned him to be hang'd.

537.

A man lately was advised to adventure something at the Royal oak Lottery, no says he, for there's not one in a hundred hath any luck but Cuckolds, which his sweet wife hearing said, dear husband I pray venture, for *I am certain you'd have good luck.*

538.

Two other vapourers went to *Putney* to fight, and when they came there, says one of them that was not of *Hercules* race to the waterman, here there's your fare and stay for us here.

here a little, for we are only going to fight and nothing in the world shall hinder us, then the two Watermen took up their stretchers, and desired them to hold, for you know the danger of the Law in that case: In truth says he 'tis very true, I had forgot it indeed, but if ever I come to fight again, I'll never tell any Waterman of it.

539.

Two men had been at perpetual difference, and when one of them lay on his deathbed, he thought of a way to be reveng'd on his enemy and sent for him and told him he'd make him his Excecutor, why me says he, for you always hated me to death? so I do still says t'other, but my reason is because I am satisfied that all Executors go to Hell, and so to be reveng'd on you I am resolv'd to take this course; well says t'other, however I thank you for your damnable love.

540.

A Woman was telling her Husband that such a woman was a Whore, and such a woman and such a woman too, nay and Goody, *I cannot think of her name, Wife,* says he, *methinks you talk very strangely, pray remember your self;* O, says she, *I have it now, 'tis Goody,* well wife, says he, you are such another woman that I wonder at you.

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## 541.

An Honest Loyal Gentleman, in the time when the solemn League and Covenant was prest on all persons above 16 years of age in his County, came to *London* and took a Lodging, his Landlord pressing him often to take the Covenant; with much perswasion he went to the parish Church where after Sermon the Covenant was read and the people held up their hands, at which the Honest Gentleman whispers his Landlord in the Ear, *if you swear hand over head I have done with you.*

## 542.

A Welchman discoursing with a *Herefordshire* man, the *Herefordshire* man commended his countrey for the most fertile in *England*, for that there was such grass as that in three days it should fat the leanest Dear: *Ads splutter a nails*, quoth the Welshman, her hath such grass in her Countrey, that if you put a lean Horse in over night, you shall not see her next morning.

## 543.

A Quaker having took a Lodging at the Red Lion at *Brainford*, the house being full, a damming Blade came up into the room and would have Hector'd him out, but the other told him 'twas his room and by yea and nay, he should not come there; the Hector then began.

began to thunder out his oaths and to strike him, but the Quaker being a stout fellow returned him his blows double and triple, and at last kickt him down stairs; with that the Master of the house sent up the Tapster to know what caus'd the noise above, he told him *'twas nothing but that yea and nay had kickt God damn me down stairs.*

544.

A Citizen of London going to Ludgate to visit a poor Kinsman a prisoner there, spies an old acquaintance of his, and cryes to him Lord Jack, how comes thou here, he replied a blind man might have come here as well as I, for I *was lead betwixt two.*

545.

Hugh Peters preaching at Christ-Church, and his Glasse being out, a jolly fellow with a Red Nose was going out of the Church, which Hugh spying turned his Glasse, and cryed pray friend *stay and take t'other Glasse.*

546.

A Gentleman damning in a ball, a Lady found fault with him that he straddled too much, Madam quoth he, *if you had that betwixt your legs that I have betwixt mine, you would straddle more.*

547.

An old woman being at the point of death, there

there came a priest to her to read some comfortable things to her, and so askt her what he should read, why then she very discreetly told him, if he pleas'd to read *Matrimony*, for she thought that was very comfortable to her in times past.

548.

A pretty Girle at a Coffy house, about fourteen years of age, a Gentleman ask't her mother when she should be married, O says Her Mother, 6 or 7 years hence is time enough: O Fie Mother, says she, how strangely you talk: Why then, says her Mother, within this moneth if you won't girle, I marry mother says she, now you talk like your self, for I have often heard you say; you were married at fourteen: *and must I now be married by Sixes and Seavens.*

549.

Two Gallants riding into the Countrey, overtook a Miller upon an ass; Come says one to t'other, let's abuse this Miller: then says one of them to him, prethee Miller tell us whats the reason thy Ass does always keep such a braying, truly Gentlemen says he, he does not always do so, but *when he hears any of his kindred come after him then he makes this noise forsooth.*

A Priest in an Abby being a fisherman's Son, was used every meal to have a net laid on the Table instead of a Tablecloth in token of humility, and to remember from whence he came : but the Abbot dying, for his pretended humilities sake he was elected Abbot, and then the net was not laid on the table as before, and being askt the reason, told 'em, *I have that which I fight for, I have no need of the net now.*

551.

A Gentleman being at a great Lords table, told him a story of a great peice of Chimistry lately, which he saw perfected in *Flanders*; and that it was a general cure for all diseases, nay says he, I could not have believ'd it, if I had not seen it my self, at which the Lord wondred much, and askt a grave Philosopher which then sat at the table what he thought of this story: Why truly my Lord, says he, that Gentleman hath spoken my sence, for he said he would not have believ'd it unless he had seen it: *and truly no more will I.*

552.

A Fellow having abused a Gentleman by ill language, the next time he met him he beat him and gave him a great gash on the face, and when he came to the Surgeon, he told him he did not doubt, but to cure his face without

without a scar; O by no means, says he, for he that gave me this told me he'd give me a mark to know me by, and if he see me without one, he'll cut me again, and that mark he gave me, I'll give you for your cure, but he told him, he'd have a piece, yes says he, but not till you have piec't my face again.

553.

A Countrey-man near *Oxford*, was saying that he had been bargaining with two women for such and such commodities, but says he, I found them both to be cheating whores, impudent whores. and scolding whores; well neighbour, says one of them, now you talk so much of whores, does your daughter go to *Abbingdon* Market to morrow or no.

554.

Some blades were merry together, and one of them was saying that in such a Town in *Norfolk* they were all counted whores, which a mad Fellow hearing them say so, presently swore he did believe it, for his Mother and both his Sisters were born there.

555.

The three Lyons being the Arms of *England*, before the union of the 3 Flower-de-luces of *France*.

France, a Nobleman of this Kingdom having deserved very well of King James he bid him ask any thing of him and he would grant it, then he having two Leopards for the supporters of his Arms, he only desir'd to have the two chains taken of the Leopards necks, no says the King, I cannot grant you that, for then I fear they should fall upon my Lyons.

556.

A Fellow was going in the dark, and held both his arms out to prevent the hitting of his face, and coming accidentally against the door, which it seems stood out right, he hit his nose a fore blow; hey day says he, I never thought my nose was longer than mine arms till now, well says he, if ever I go in the dark again, I will have a candle in my hand.

557.

A Fellow said that at one shot he kill'd three hundred Woodcocks, and with one hand too, that is with a pocket Pistol, yes and with one single Bullet too: but says he, 'twas by a Mathematical way, as I had order'd the Bullet, so that at the going off, it did divide it self into three hundred little pieces which did the execution; they told him he deserv'd to be executed for so dam'd a lye, nay Gentlemen says he, 'tis a sad case that

that I must find you story and belief too.

558.

A Traveller praising the City of *Venice*, and being ask'd of some Gentlemen, some particular passages of that City, truly, says he, I only past through it post; then they told him that no man did ever ride through it, for never any horse; was seen in *Venice*, but all went either on foot, or by boat, O says he then, I find you don't know *Venice* so well as I, for I rode thorow it in a great frost, when all the Sea was frozen round about it.

559.

A Schollar seeing a Cook in the Colledge kitchen take a plumb-pudding out of the pot, watching his opportunity took it up and slink't up to his chamber with it, immediately after 'twas miss'd, & after him to his chamber they went in search of the said pudding, & having made a narrow scrutiny over every part of the room, they could not find it though they had the scent of it strongly in their nose, insomuch that he swore it was not in the room, and in so saying he said truth, for he had tyed it to a string to the bar of the window, and there it hung on the outside.

560.

One *Dbbins* that was a Shoemaker of *Esum* in *Worcestershire* was by the Parliament chose

chose a Committe-man forsooth : and an honest Loyal man that liv'd a mile from *Esum*, (to whom this *Dobbins* was a Shoemaker formerly ) that had a hundred a year, and had maintained two sons in the Kings army, for which he was to pay 150 pound for his composition, and being call'd before the Committe at *Esum*, they bid him deliver the money, he told them, he was a very poor man, then they began to dispute the business again, ( and he hearing every one saying to the Committe an't please your honour ) and at last told him he must pay it, why truly Gentlemen says he, here is Goodman *Dobbins* his honour knows, I am not able to pay half so much.

561.

A boy once upon a time forsooth ask'd his Grandmother for some bread and butter, she told him she'd give him none, Grandmother says he, here's the cat, and you and I, a pox take one of us ; what you rogue, says she, de'e curse my cat? no says he, what says she de'e curse me then ? you may be sure Grandmother says he, I don't curse my self.

562.

A Landlord ask'd a woman how many children she had? she said sixteen' and how many

many alive says he? why truly says she, I cannot well tell, but I'll reckon them up as well as I can, First, there's *Tom*, then *Will*, and *Jack*, and one great Logger-head rogue which is as like you *Laadlord* as if it were spit out of your mouth.

563.

In a great storm at Sea, when all expected to be cast away, they went all to prayers, and just as they were at prayers, a boy falls out a laughing heartily, the Captain ask'd him his reason for it especially at that sad time: why truly Sir says he, I laugh at that mans fiery nose there, that when by and by it comes into the water it will make such a hissing.

564.

Some Countrey Fellows were disputing of all the Holidays in the year, but when they came to *Candlemas* day, could not understand why it should be call'd so, but one wiser than the rest, said I'll warrant you 'tis the day of our Ladies circumcision; no says a more discreet man than he, that cannot be for to my knowledge our Ladies Circumcision was on the twenty fifth of *March*, and from thence call'd our Lady day, which an old man then sitting by hearing, said by'th Lady I think *John* you are i'th' right.

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Some Thieves met with a man and rob'd him, and bound him in a wood, a little after they met with another, and rob'd and bound him also, and set him on the other side the hedge hard by the first, then one of them cry'd out, saying, I'm undone, I'm undone, the other hearing him say so, pray'd him that he would come and *undo him too*, seeing he *was undone himself*.

566.

A rich man in this Kingdom who was never thought to be any of *Solomons* offspring, came with his wife to see a Nurse child of his as he thought, ( but certainly 'twas his wives ) then very discreetly he ask'd the wet nurse whether she was a maid or married, she said, she was married, no says he, I'll have no married woman, I'll *have a maid to be my child's wet-nurse*, truly Sir says she, then you had best bespeak one about *London*, for we have none such ready made in the Country.

567.

A Fellow that had stolen some sheep ( and Oxen sometimes also ) was brought before a Justice, and being examined, and the Justice finding the truth out told him he'd give him a Warrant to steal Sheep again any where,

where: and the *Mittimus* which was making for his imprisonment, he took to be the Warrant, then he stept to the Clerk and desir'd him to put in Oxen also, and he'd give him an Angel, and the first Ox he stole, his master should have a Chine of beef out of it, and what if you put in Geese and Capons and sucking pigs also, for my neighbours have very good ones, and truly Mr. Clerk, if you do, I'll be in fee with you all the year round if you please.

568.

A Nobleman of this Kingdom that was often put into the Tower by the Rump, and *Oliver*, for his Loyalty to the King, was followed by a Cripple (which was a Cavalier also) who begg'd earnestly of him, for my Lord says he, you know that you and I have been in all the prisons in *London*: Out you lying rogue says he, I never was in any prison but the *Tower*, yes says he, and *I have been in all the rest*.

569.

A Quaker that had taken one of his female Saints to wife, but about a fortnight after, he found she had given him a lusty clâp, that he became very ill, insomuch that another Quaker came to him, and ask'd him how he did, he sayd not well: the o-  
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ther mistrusting how it was with him (he having given her the clap before) told him he'd go with him to a Surgeon that should cure him; being come, the Surgeon ask'd him what was his distemper, he said he was not well, I ask you what's your distemper, still he said, he was not well, then the Surgeon being a chollerick Fellow, said, what a Pox is your distemper, I that that that's it, says he.

570.

A Nobleman in *England* had a fool, who amongst other of his pranks this was one, that his Lord bid him one morning ride his horse to water, and coming to the pool, he rid him in but to the footlocks, and the horse fell to drinking, says the Lord, you rogue why don't you ride him in further: O my Lord says he, let him first drink up this as he goes, that if he should throw me, I should not be wet with falling into the water.

571.

Another Lord told his fool if he could tell him but what his Christen name was, he'd give him a new coat to morrow; well says he, I will: then my Lord told him he was christened *Thomas* and his name *Carew*, now what's my christen name? this is hard Lord says he, this is hard, so he repeated it over half

half a dozen times afterwards, at last the fool claps Sir *Edward Rawleigh* on the back, saying, I have it *Rawleigh*, I have it, he was christened Lord, he was christened Lord. *Probatum est.*

572.

A Nobleman in *France* that was a very deformed man, appointed a Limner to draw his Picture, and was to give him for it twenty pound; but being done he would give him but ten pound; the Limner told him he should repent it, for if he had not his twenty pound, he would put a tail to it, and then set it abroad to sale, which he was confident would go well off for a Monky, for it seems it was very like him; the Nobleman seeing his resolution gave him his twenty pound and took it away.

573.

A notorious Thief in *Wales* was brought to be tryed for his life, and the Judge had a great mind to hang him; and upon examination he confessed he did the robbery: now says the Judge, you of the Jury pray take notice he hath confessed it, you need no other evidence: a little after they brought him in not guilty: then the Judge bid them go back again, and still they brought not guilty, and so they did 3 times; the Judge ask'd them the rea-

son, the Foreman told the Judge they had reason enough for what they did, for says he, we that all know him very well, know him to be one of the arrantest lyars in the world, and not to be believed whatsoever he says.

574.

Another Fellow was tryed for his life, since the Kings restoration, and being condemned they told him he must be hang'd, he argued *Pro* and *Con* in his defence, at last he desired the Judge that if he must be hang'd, that he might be hang'd after the new way as *Oliver* was, three or four years after he was dead.

575.

A Countrey Fellow thatching a house, had an arch boy to serve him with straw, at last a great hog came close by'em and turn'd up his head as if he were listening; says the Thatcher then to the boy, what does that hog think now? O says the boy, I'll warrant you he's hatching of mischief; and while he was busie at his work on the ladder, the boy hunted the hog just towards the ladder, and jussling against it, down came the ladder and man and all; a Pox on you, says he, to the hog 'tis true as the honest boy said, you were hatching of mischief indeed, for I think my  
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shoulder's out, and if ever I thatch for any body hereafter I'll indent with them that they shall all tie up their Hogs.

576.

A Rump Parliament man in the house told the Speaker that he had something to say, and after he had spoken a most Ignoramus like learned speech, he told the Speaker that he would forfeit his reason if it were not true, upon which up starts *Harry Marten*, and he desires the speaker not to take his forfeiture, for he *knew he had but little for himself.*

576.

Another Rumper made a most learned speech likewise, wherein he desired the Speaker, that the house might be purged of Whoremasters and drunkards; upstarts *Harry Marten* again, and desires likewise that it might be purged of fools and knaves, and then sayd he, *I am confident you will have but a thin house.*

577.

A Gentleman in those days told a Rumper in waggery, that he had spoken something in the house that he would be call'd to an account for. Sir says he, I believe you do mistake the man, for *upon my faith* Sir says he, *I never spoke since I sate in the house but one word, and that was, I told them that the windows were*

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broke and

and desired they might be mended.

578.

A Fellow of a Colledg in *Oxford* desired one the last winter to lend him Sir *Water Rawlins*'s History of the world; he sent him word that he could not spare it our of his chamber, but if he pleased to come thither he might use it all day there: a little after the other desir'd of him to lend him his bellows, he sent him word he could not spare them out of his Chamber, but if he pleased to come thither he might use them all the day long.

579.

*On the Womens names:*

*Abigail* having been at market to sell a sackfull of sower milk, when she came home she found her Husband standing wide open and the door sick abed, which *Winifred* having notice of before she knew it, made *Ursula* acquainted that *Thomazin* was up to the ears in love; with *Thamars* Elder Brother, say you so says *Teresia*, then lets all go to Cards for some Apples and Ale: upon which *Sarah*, that had been dancing all night, intreated *Naomi* to bring *Ruth* with her to their house, and there they should see *Rachel* a making of hogs puddings: puh says *Penelope*, my sister *priscilla* tells

tells me that *Parnel*, which was my Aunt *Millescents* mayd, was brought to my neighbour *Margarets* house last night as drunk as the driven *Snow*; O brave Girls says *Martha*, will you never leave kissing of men? Come come says *Mary*, I can tell you news, for as I went a milking last night, I saw *Lucia* lye as flat as a *Flounder* with her sweetheart under a Hay-Cock: is that all says *Katharine*? why my mother *Joan* broke her pitcher last night; which made *Jane* immediately run to *Hester* and bid her tell *Hannah* that she should take care the *Beef* be well salted: Fie Fie says *Grace*, what a deal of pratling is here about poor *Ediths* having a Bastard: nay says *Frances* if that be all, then I can tell you that our *E'inor* met *Elizabeth* last night about break a day: and there she and *Dinah* both pist in a quill together: well well says *Deborah*, let *Dorothy* say what she please, my Cosen *Diana* told me, that had it not been for *Sicily* our Mare had gone near last night to have cast her foale; what says *Beatrice* because poor *Christian* spewed in her Husbands bosom t'other night, therefore we must not go to *Barbaras* sows gossiping: well says *Alice*, if you'll let me pledge you before the drink comes, then my Sister *Anny* and I will daunce you a Masquerado Jigge together, upon which they all set up a silent

tone and played the tune with as much dexterity as if they had never known any thing of musick, till the Watch came and told them 'twas a fit time of night for the Parliament of women to break up; and so all in a cluster together singly one by one went to their several homes.

580.

When *Oliver* after his death lay in state, a Gentleman that was a great Cavalier came to see the Ceremony, and after he had vew'd it well, said, it was the most Glorious sight that ever he saw in his life, and pull'd out a piece of Gold to give 'em: they told him no mony was to be given there; nay Gentlemen says he, I am not only willing to give this piece now, but I would as freely have given 500 more, if I could have seen this sight a dozen years ago, and so slunk away in the crowd.

581.

A mad Fellow being to carry up a *Peacock* to the Table, carried him with the legs foremost, which his master seeing chid him, and bid him carry it back again, and bid him try whether he could bring it with the head foremost, O says he, would you have me go headlong to work, well, I will do as you say: so out he went and carried it to the Alehouse to 2 or 3 good Fellows, and they received it with

with the legs formost, and so devoured it.

582.

A Milk-Maid going over a stile by accident spilt her milk, well says she, I had rather have lost my Maidenhead, than to have spilt my Milk, for I cannot recover my Milk again, but my Maiden-head, I could have gotten again, though I had lost it over and over again.

583.

*On the syllable Con.*

Dogs concurre, Steeples conspire, wheels converse, Lawyers contend, and Nurses can tend to, Foxes consent, Miners condiscend, Women conceive, Applemongers consider, Millstones contrive, Prisoners congeal, Rope-makers concord, Scriveners condition, Faggotters combine, Jaylors confine, sickmen consume, Drums convene, and Scolds can vex, Commanders conduct, great Officers controul, Ducks can dive, Mourners condole, Clouds condense, great Schollars convince, Parishioners congregate, Countrey Shoemakers contribute, viz. Countrey boot: Gamesters are concise, which does much conduce to their winning, grave Counsellors conceale, Cardinals conclave, School-boys construe, Countrey Fellows conjoble,

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Judges:

Judges condemn, Friars confess, Jesuites confute, Victors Conquer, Traytors conjoyn, and Friends conferre together, Politicians consult, Blind men connive, and Cutlers connive too : Proud men contemn, Disputants contest together, Landlords confirm, and their Tenants can farme any thing they let out, unless it be behind; a chaste Woman is continent, viz. no Iland; Bells convoke, that is call Vokes together, Smiths contaminate, defile that is doe file: and I like an Epilogue conclude, but not with such a *conclusion*, as to make an *exclusion* of those which follow.

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